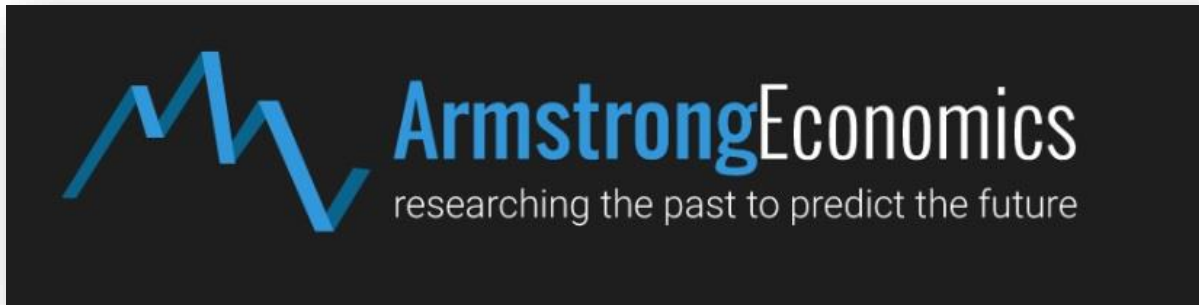


The Future of Russia



A Crisis in Repect

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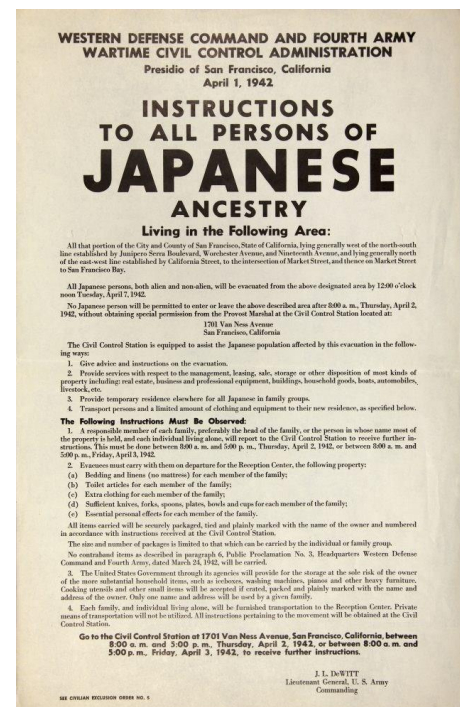
The Russian People



Demonizing Vladimir Putin is a political strategy as old as civilization itself. It is the standard means of laying the foundation for war. During World War II, the demonizing of the Japanese went as far as to order the imprisonment of all people of Japanese ancestry even if born in the United States for three generations. By employing this demonization of the head of state, they then move down the ladder and assume all people of that same origin are the same.

Russian people have suffered much from the civil war that brought the communists to power and the economic dreams of Utopia in 1917, to the very collapse of the Soviet Union. This was followed by the continued prejudice of the Western Neocons who refused to accept Russia on any equal term of dignity and respect.

The Russian people have weathered multiple crises in the post-Soviet period. The "shock therapy" of 1992 at the direction of Harvard, which gave them



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only a failed theory and the rise of the oligarchs. That was followed by the Russian Financial Crisis of August/September 1998 and the Russian bond default that wiped out many in Russia. Then there was the 2008–2009 global recession. Each of these events had their political consequences.

The 1998 Russian Financial Crisis led to the hardliners even filing an impeachment motion against Boris Yeltsin in their attempt to restore the Soviet Union. Then there was the Davos Pact of oligarchs trying to seize the Presidency of Russia aided by NY banker Edmond Safra. All the time, western hedge funds were all looking to strip-mine the Russian economy while pretending to champion western accounting standards only so they could list Russian companies in the West and gain a 30+ fold profit.



Then, of course, there was the COVID scam that was used to expand the control over people in the West, unleashing in the process shortages and failed small businesses. Russia suffered, but by no means as insane as many nations in the West who loved the exercise of raw power.

Still, this released a new age of STAGFLATION when global economic growth declined behind rising inflation. Then



the US Neocons have used Ukraine as the spearhead to achieve their long-desired proxy war to conquer Russia once and for all.

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As a result, the current economic downturn is different for this is a structural assault created intentionally by sanctions and the desire to cut off all economic income of Russia not much different from a siege of a city to starve them out. This comes on the heels of this manufactured global pandemic, which limits the ability of the people to overcome this attack to bring down Russia. The Neocons think if they hurt the Russian people they will rise up and overthrow Putin. Yet there is never any consideration of what unfolds if that were to happen the same as taking down Iraq.

Because the sanctions are imposed by the United States, the idea that the people will rise up against Putin is really foolhardy. Vladimir Putin's approval rating did decline from 74% to about 59% before the Ukrainian War. Since the sanctions and the Ukrainian war, it has risen above 80% which is unprecedented among any world leader. The Russian people realize that this is a war against them personally.



The simultaneous contraction of supply and demand in the economy, coupled with the oil price shock in the spring of 2020, had multiple economic consequences for citizens. The decline in average disposable income accelerated, reaching 8.2% during the second quarter of 2020. Russia's unemployment peaked at 6.3% during October 2020, which was an eight-year high. Inflation in Russia hit 4.9% while GDP contracted by 3.5% thanks to the sanctions.

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The Russia Economic Crisis

In Russia's case, the pandemic exacerbated the economy's preexisting problems but the Climate Change zealots are really behind the push to destroy Russia because 50% of its GDP is energy. The structural dependence on hydrocarbon exports has been confronted at first by the collapse in the global oil trade in the spring of 2020 as we can see here with the low in oil in rubles took place during the second quarter 2020. That severely reduced revenues. The 7-quarter rally peaked with the invasion of Ukraine.

Because the West appears to be hell-bent on creating war with Russia, the prospects of Crude Oil has a Yearly Bullish Reversal at 7690. It closed 2021 at 7521. A closing above 9930 at the end of 2022, will warn a very serious rally in 2023.

The Sheer Hatred of Ukraine v Russian

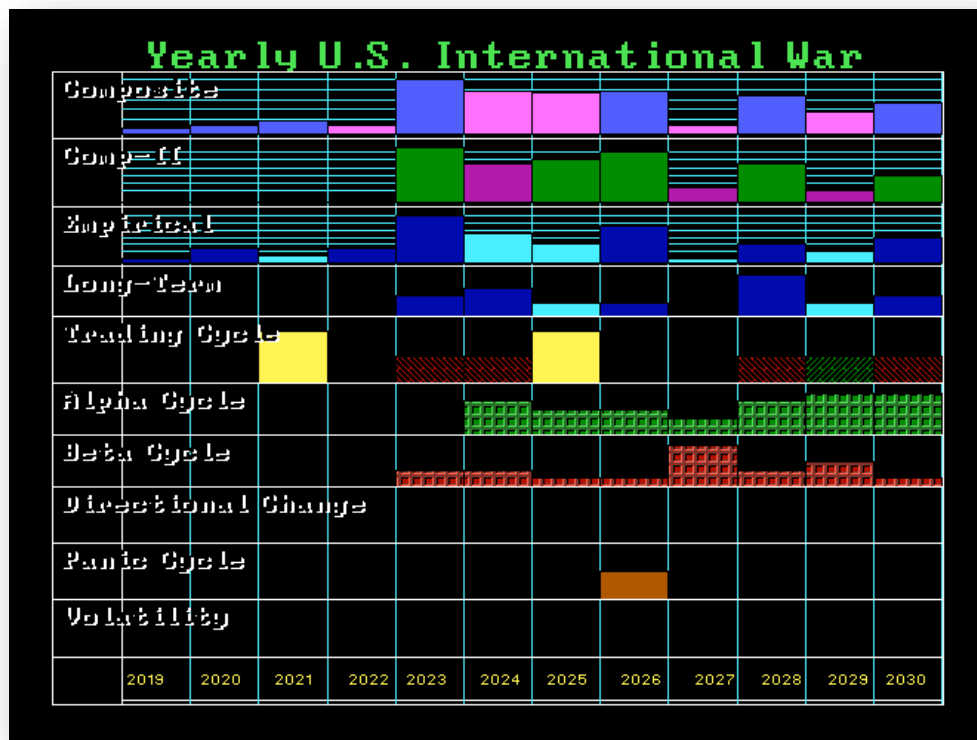


Language has been a major issue because of the Ukrainian Neo-Nazis. They have continued the ethnic cleansing but they are clinging to the map that was merely drawn during the USSR. Ukrainian never existed as a sovereign nation. The joined Hitler with the promise that they would gain statehood. The Eastern region was always Russia dating back to the days of the Tsars. In truth, the Neo-Nazis are fighting for territory and the treatment of those in the Donbas is never told in Western media only because this is really a proxy war against Russia.

I know people from the Donbas. They were forced to learn Ukrainian in school after the USSR collapsed in 1991. The slogan was that Crimea, is over 90% Russian, would be Ukrainian or depopulated. The hatred of ethnic Russians who have lived in Ukraine all their lives is unprecedented and their plight has never been even talked about in the West all because the Neocons hate Russia.

This is a map showing the language barrier, Ukraine should have been divided West and East of the river as was the Russian Empire of the tsars. This would be like Mexico seizing Texas and claiming everyone there must speak Spanish or die. The hatred extends back centuries. There will be no resolution.

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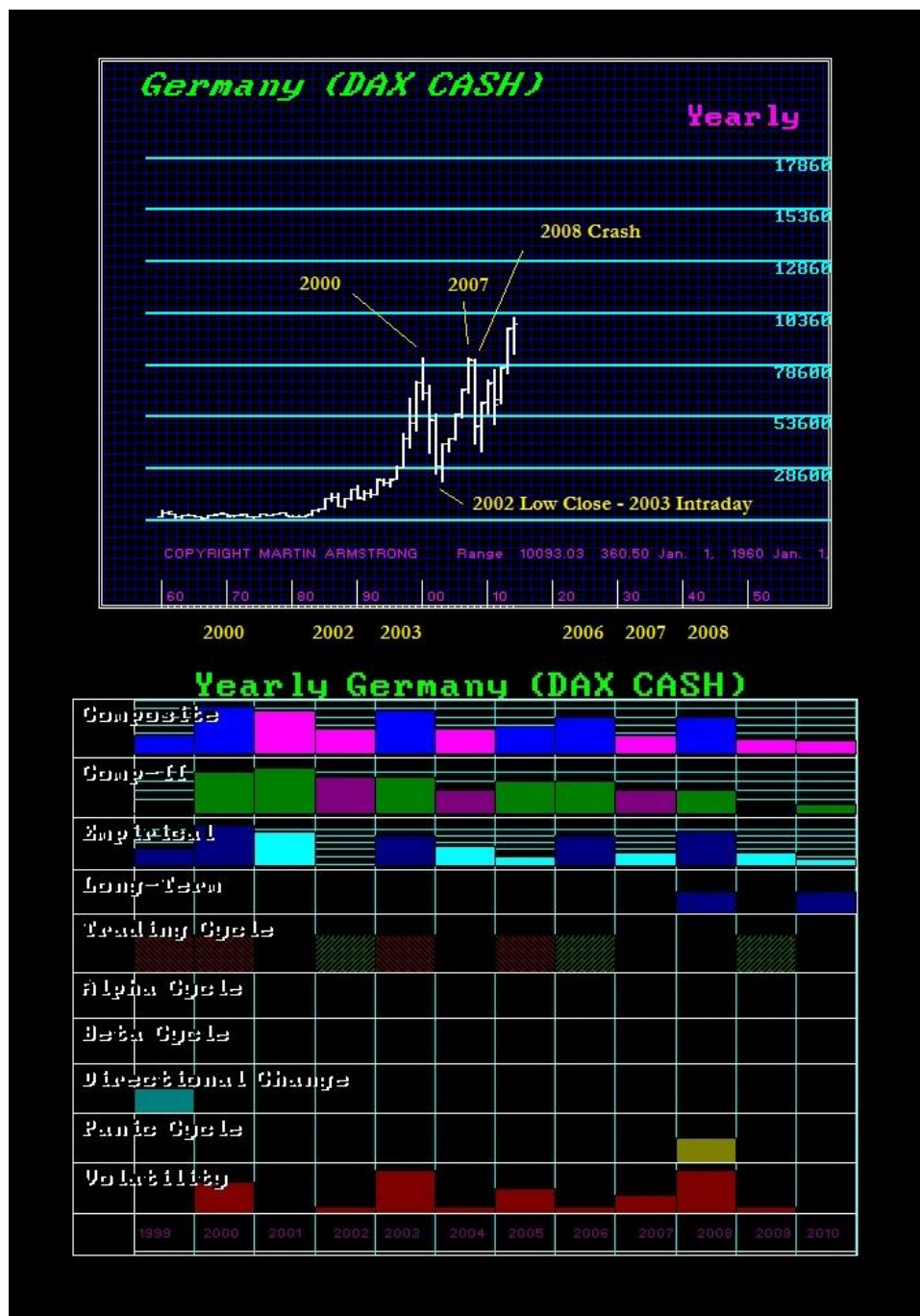
The computer I named Socrates, ascertains time from a data series and then correlates it with economic trends and markets around the world. The result is this Timing Array illustrated here. It maps out the turning points in the future with respect to International War in this instance, but it produces this type of time map on every market and statistic in the world. Each array is a representation of 72 different models tracking amplitude as well as volatility on several dimensions. This maps events to time and allows us to quantify time like never before. We can clearly see that this Array clearly warns that we will see greater geopolitical activity beginning in 2023. But we also have two models separating civil unrest which leads to revolution domestically from international conflicts. Both models are turning up in 2023 and the civil unrest has been set in motion by the decline in socialism just as communism fell in 1989.



Naturally, from a purely statistical perspective, bull markets are longer in duration than bear markets. This is simply because it takes people longer to believe or trust in something yet they lose confidence rapidly. Hence, the bull market into 1929 began in 1921 lasting about 8 years but it crashed by 90% from September 1929 into July 1932. No matter what market we look at, this human trait will reveal the same outcome – bullish trends are longer than bearish trends.

In the spirit of showing the reliability of these arrays, I present two examples which can even be found on the Wayback Machine. Here is the Array compiled January 9th, 1980 in gold. We can see that this picked January 21st was the high with a back to back Directional Change. That morning, Gold opened up limit at \$875 on the spot closing at \$850 after falling to \$831. It had been just \$597 at the low the week of January 7th, 1980 and rallied about \$300 into January 21st, 1980. In reality, human will respond the same way and in the same amount of time for it is not the market that dictates the time, but the human interaction.

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Here is the German DAX Forecast Array we published back in 1999 that can be see on the WayBack Machine (pei-intl.com) on the Yearly Level. We can see that this timing array correctly forecast the high in 2008 with a Panic Cycle no less 9 years in advance. So much for the countless opinions of analysts back and forth for nine years when time determines the outcome. The year 2008 was also the high in the euro.

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Note that the year 2024 which will also be a critical turning point in the war cycle will not be just the U.S. presidential election, but the same will take place in Russia and Ukraine where Putin and Zelensky stand for election. Likewise, the next election to the European Parliament will be held also in 2024. In addition, the European Commission, currently led by President Ursula von der Leyen (born 1958), will also come up for election in 2024. As a result the 2024 is a monumental year that can alter the course of everything thereafter. Do we get peacemakers or warmongers?

In March 2018, China approved the removal of the two-term limit on the presidency, effectively allowing Xi Jinping (born 1953) to remain in power for life. China had imposed a two-term limit on its president since the 1990s. But the

hostility rising from the United States directed at Russia has raised deep concerns in China as well.



Mr Jinping, who would have been due to step down in 2023, is probably the best for the position to defend China's perspective. When Jinping defied the tradition of presenting a potential successor during 2018 October's Communist Party Congress, he signaled that he was consolidating his political power. Jinping realizes that an inevitable confrontation lies on the horizon with the United States and threats from Biden that China will be sanctioned as Russia if he dare to help them was throwing down the gauntlet for inevitable war.

Jinping knows that as the United States is confronting Putin through a proxy war led by Zelensky in Ukraine. "In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity" (Sun-Tzu, A Arte War). That opportunity is Taiwan knowing that the USA cannot fight on two fronts simultaneously this time. However, the chaos is being created by George Soros and Klaus Schwab's World Economic Forum constantly pushing for this one-world government headed by the United Nations. Both Jinping and Putin realize that the object of the Neocons in America is the conquest of both of their countries.

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This trend toward World War III began in 2020 which appears to have coincided with the election of Joe Biden to the presidency of the United States and the COVID-19 Pandemic that was manufactured into a exaggerated global panic. Not that Biden himself is a warmonger, but he is clearly senile and will do as his handlers instruct. Those pulling the strings in the Biden Administration are obsessed with climate change whereas in Europe, especially, in addition to climate change is facing the collapse of the socialism as 2023 approaches. Communism fell in 1989. Here 34 years later, it is Marx's socialism that is collapsing.



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Economic Problem Of Our Time

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At the IMF Research Conference on Nov. 8, Larry Summers gave a succinct presentation that explained what may be the most pressing economic matter of our time.

The speech is being widely praised (by [Krugman](#) and others) for being a brilliant and thorough elucidation of an issue that's underdiscussed.



Harvard University President Emeritus Larry Summers speaks during a panel discussion on financial crises at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference in Washington, Nov. 8, 2013. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst

A speech delivered by Larry Summers at the IMF Research Conference on Nov. 8th, 2013, sent the entire world into an economic decline. Summers delivered his ground-breaking presentation that undermined Europe and has set in motion the need for war. The speech was widely praised even by the economist Paul Krugman who never saw other people's money as their property anyway.

The Insider reported: "The problem is that the natural interest rate — where investment and savings bring about full employment — is now negative. However, the Fed cannot cut the nominal rate below zero because people will choose to hoard money instead of putting it in the bank. This is called the zero lower bound and has reduced the power of Fed policy."

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Summer clearly just looked at trying to punish people for saving and by moving to negative interest rates that would force them to spend their money. Nowhere was there anyone who considered the impact upon pension funds that required 8% annually to meet future obligations.

Mario Draghi, then head of the European Central Bank (ECB), moved to NEGATIVE interest rates on June 5th, 2014. He took Europe down an experimental path of negative rates that has undermined everything right down to Keynesian economics and the very power of the central bank.



The European Central Bank by 2022, has shown the world that negative interest rates of Larry Summers has not just failed to work in 8 years, but it has undermined the entire economic balance wiping out pension funds. This has fulfilled our model's forecast that socialism, dependent upon pensions, would become unsustainable by 2023.

Bloomberg News reported on May 18th, 2022 that there was broad agreement among members of the European Central Bank's Governing Council that negative interest rates should end "relatively quickly," quoting the Bank of Finland Governor Olli Rehn. Indeed, this has undermined Europe as a whole and with inflation soaring, negative interest rates defies even Keynesian Economics which is the only tool that they have.

With the COVID lockdowns setting in motion shortages in everything from food to manufactured goods of all sorts, the rising inflation is simultaneously setting off civil unrest. World leaders are starting to be driven from office not merely in Sri Lanka,

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but also Mario Draghi (born 1947) in Italy. We have witnessed revolutions in Pakistan and sovereign defaults in countries such as Sri Lanka and Lebanon just to get the ball rolling.

We see the huge spike in this Timing Array appearing in 2023, but also the Double Trading Cycle which was targeting 2021 signaling the shift in policy. There is something seriously wrong here. We can see that the computer has clearly targeted 2023 as a major turning point particularly in Europe. Politicians think that their popularity rises in war. This time, they may be seriously wrong.

There is no doubt that we are headed into war for at the end of the day, the West simply needs war to cover up the economic collapse of the Marxist Keynesian Economic system we have seen in place since World War II – endless borrowing with no intent of paying off the debts.

What is most curious is that Zelensky ran on ending corruption yet has been



stashing millions offshore himself. He also promised peace with Donbas which would have been simple just yield to the **Minsk II Agreement of 2015** and let the people vote on their independence.

There has been much about the offshore

accounts of Zelensky hiding money like every other former head of state in Ukraine. He has not lived up to his promise to end corruption.

Even Representative Paul Gosar has questioned how suddenly Zelensky has made \$100 million being president of Ukraine? Yet Western nations pour money into Ukraine and there is no evidence that this mountain of cash is going to the Ukrainian people.

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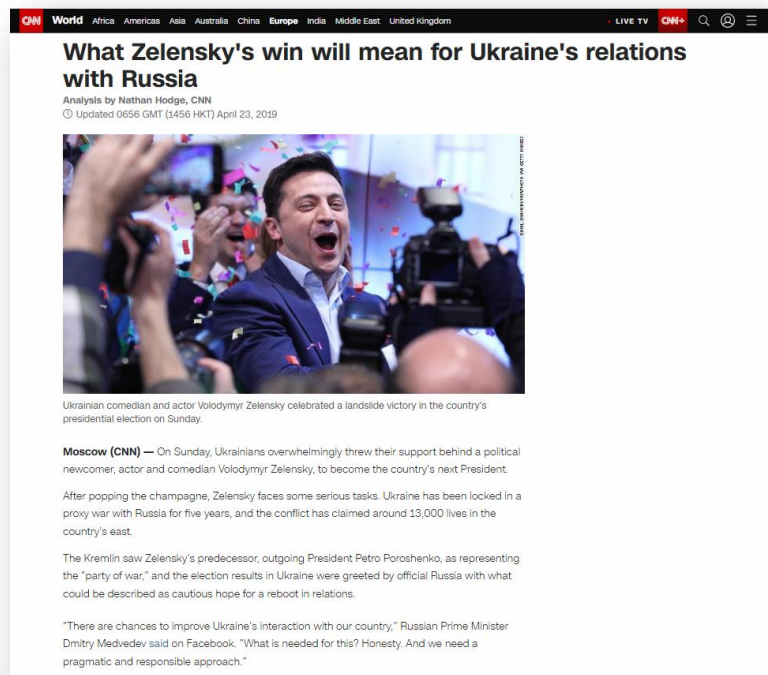
The Donbas had refused to participate in the Maidan Revolution of 2014 against Yanukovych in the West. They are ethnically Russian living in a region that was historically the Russian Empire even before the USSR. Merely because of drawing a border for the sole purpose of administration within the USSR, now Zelensky wages war on the Donbas while lining his pockets with untold millions.

CNN reported back in 2019 that *“Ukraine has been locked in a proxy war with Russia for five years, and the conflict has claimed around 13,000 lives in the country’s east.”*

Interestingly, the Kremlin was hopeful that Zelensky would end the proxy war of the United States against Russia as Zelensky promised. His predecessor, Poroshenko, was seen as pro-war who participated in the Minsk II Agreement. In fact, CNN also reported that Russia was optimistic. They even wrote:¹

“There are chances to improve Ukraine’s interaction with our country,” Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said on Facebook. “What is needed for this? Honesty. And we need a pragmatic and responsible approach.”

CNN further reported on April 23rd, 2019 that Maria Zakharova, the spokesperson for the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, had suggested Kyiv could actually change the direction of the country. CNN quoted her saying, *“With all the understanding of how the world works behind the scenes, I’ll still say: Ukraine can go for a reset.”* The hope in Russia that Zelensky would carry out his campaign promise to seek peace and end the civil war died very quickly.



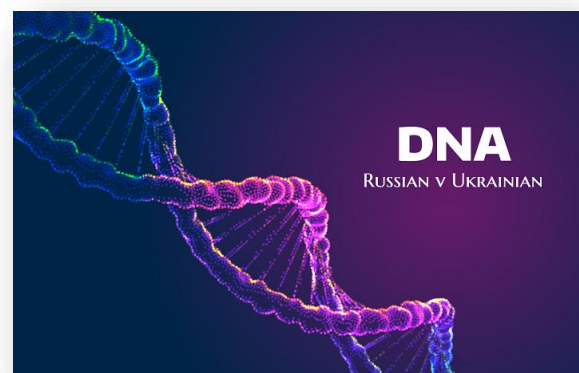
¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/23/europe/ukraine-zelensky-win-russia-relations-intl/index.html>



Senator John McCain (1936–2018), who was the leader of the American Neocon warmongers, appeared during the 2014 Maidan Revolution cheering the people on to overthrow the government. He was promising full acceptance and support in the West for the overthrow of Yanukovich – a Necon regime change. In truth, this was all part of the strategic plan to wage war against Russia.

The National Library of Medicine found that there are no significant differences between the DNA of Russians and Ukrainians even when compared to other Europeans. In fact, they fall within the range of gene diversity seen throughout Europe and exhibit the unimodal pattern of pairwise sequence differences.² Thus, the hatred of Ukrainians toward Russians is not racist.

In truth, it really does not matter. To the Ukrainians, the Nazi movement was similar to that of the Germans in ethnic cleansing for the Arian Race where the Ukrainians just hated Jews, Polish, and Russians to achieve the same result – pure blood Ukrainians regardless of the DNA.



² <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11415523/>

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Ukraine has been a troubled area. The very word “Ukraine” implies “borderland” and at first it applied to the territories surrounding the Dnieper River. It was considered to be the wild frontier of uncivilized people who were only slowly civilized reluctantly. The region was occupied by the Cossacks, a term that meant “free man” or “adventurer” who were of Turkish origin that became the East Slavic Orthodox Christian people originating in the steppes of Russia. They were a semi-nomadic and semi-militarized people. They were allowed a great degree of self-governance in exchange for military service after the great Mongol-Tatar Invasion of 1240AD which destroyed Kyiv – the original settlement of the Russ (Russians).

In Ancient times, Pantikapaeum was a Greek city on the eastern shore of Crimea. This is what was ruled by the Bosporan kings of ancient Hellenistic Greco-Scythian culture. Their rule controlled the eastern part of Crimea centered on the Kerch Strait where their capital city was located – Pantikapaeum.

Pantikapaeum was founded during the 7th or 6th century BC with the earliest recorded king of the Bosphorus who was known as Archaeanax. Apparently he

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seized the city around 480BC as a usurper. But he was replaced by the Archaeanactid dynasty which ruled for about 42 years when it fell to the Spartocid dynasty in 438BC.

It was the Spartocid dynasty that ruled for over three centuries until they were displaced by the Mithradatic dynasty of Pontus – the great adversary of Rome. Indeed, Mithradates VI The Great (135–63BC) was ruler of the Kingdom of Pontus there in the Crimea and he held northern Anatolia from 120 to 63BC. He was no doubt the Roman Republic's most formidable and determined opponents.



Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus
(106 – 48 BC)

Mithradates VI Eupator
(135 – 63 BC)

Only after his defeat by Pompey the Great (106–48BC) in Pontus, Mithridates VI fled to the lands north of the Black Sea in the winter of 66BC. He tried to raise a new army but failed. Three years later, he finally asked his bodyguard to kill him according to ancient accounts. Pontus thus became a Tiberian-Julian dynasty whereby the kings ruled as client kings of the Roman Empire until late antiquity.

The Bosporan Kingdom became the longest surviving Roman client kingdom with no historical lineage to Ukrainians of today. The 1st and 2nd centuries AD saw a period of a new golden age of the Bosporan state.



King Polemon II / Emperor Nero
AR Drachm (17mm, 3.52grams) Struck 56/57AD

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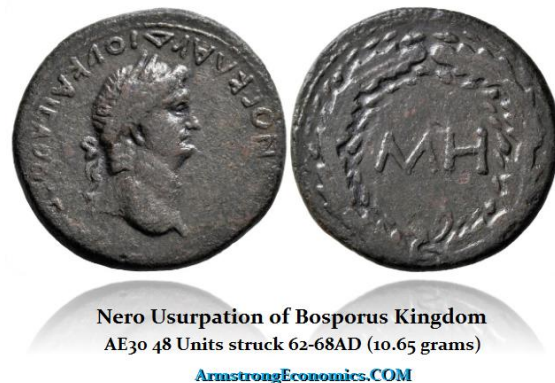
Around 50AD, Polemon II (12BC–74AD) was attracted to the wealth and beauty of the Judean princess Julia Berenice, whom he had met in Tiberias in Judaea during a visit to King Herod

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Agrippa I (10BC–44AD). Berenice in turn wanted to marry Polemon II to end rumors that she and her brother were committing incest. Berenice had become a widow in 48AD when her second husband, her paternal uncle Herod of Chalcis who ruled between 41 to 48AD, died. She had two sons by him, Berenicianus and Hyrcanus.

Berenice set the condition that Polemon II had to convert to Judaism, which included undergoing the rite of circumcision, before marriage. Polemon II assented, and the marriage went ahead. It did not last long, however, and Berenice left Pontus with her sons and returned to the court of her brother. Polemon II abandoned Judaism and, according to the legend of Bartholomew the Apostle, he accepted Christianity, but later returned to paganism. He latter married a Syrian, Julia Mamaea, which a woman of that same name would rise to the throne of Rome during the 3rd century AD.

It was briefly incorporated as part of the Roman province of Moesia Inferior from 63 to 68 AD, under Emperor Nero, before being restored as a Roman client kingdom. At the end of the 2nd century AD, King Sauromates II inflicted a critical defeat on the Scythians and included all the territories of the Crimea in the structure of his state.



In 62AD, Nero induced Polemon II to abdicate the Pontian throne, and Pontus, including Colchis, became a Roman province. From then until his death, Polemon II only ruled Cilicia. Southern Ukraine along the border of the Black Sea was obviously composed of civilized groups of humans and the northern regions were occupied by migrants or nomads – Cossacks. About 12% of the population of Crimea today are Tartars who are of Turkic ethnic background and were to a large extent indigenous people of Crimea. The Tatars occurred Crimea primarily during the 13th–17th centuries. The Mongol Empire began to decline after taking Kiev. It began to fragment and thus the Tartars effectively inherited Crimea.

Clearly, Kiev was the birthplace of the Rus which today are the Russians. In many respects, what has emerged of late is truly some sort of grudge match but also claims of territory not unlike the Palestinian v Israeli dispute over Jerusalem.

Ukraine has been exchanging hands on a 300 years cycle since Ancient times. The actual oldest known main inhabitants of modern Ukraine were the Cimmerians,

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from which we derive the name Crimea in the Southern region on the Black Sea. They were the first to issue coins made of bronze.

Kiev was founded in the 5th century by three brothers Kiy, Shchek, and Khoriv, and their sister Lebid based upon legend. Kiev was reigned by princes (or chieftains) Askold and Dyr. This is the real origin of the Rus/Ukrainian civilization of the modern era. By the end of the 7th century AD, we find the Khazars establishing themselves on Caspian steppes. This actually protected Ukraine from other Asian hordes who had to confront this fierce tribe. During the 7th century AD, the Greek withdrew from the coast of Ukraine and the Black Sea ushering in a Dark Age with no real recorded history.

The Khazar controlled of the steppe region was eventually breached during the late 9th century by the Magyars (modern Hungarians), who later were replaced by Pechenegs and then by Polovetsians as dominant tribes. It was not until about 879AD that we begin to see Kiev begin to actually rise as a strong political center of the Rus. This would last until the Mongol-Tatar Invasion of 1240AD.

Prince Olekh is reported to have begun to establish the Kievan State during 879AD. He became militarily active confronting the Byzantine empire. He was followed by Prince Ehor in 912AD, who was also militarily active. This grew tiring on the people and a civil war erupted with the tribal uprising of the Ulitchs and Derevlans. Ehor died during a battle with Derevlans in 945AD. His death was avenged by his wife Olha who retaliated and brutally oppressed the Derevlans.

Then in 964AD Olha was converted to Christianity and placed her son Svyatoslav on the throne who she raised to be wise and courageous. It was Svyatoslav who was of the Rurik dynasty. He was courageous and fought against the invading Asian hordes coming in from the East. He also waged war against the Bulgarians as well. He most likely held off the Asian invaders which became the Mongol-Tatar invasion.



Olbia (Sarmatia/Skythia)

AE Unit 437-410BC (137.65 grams)

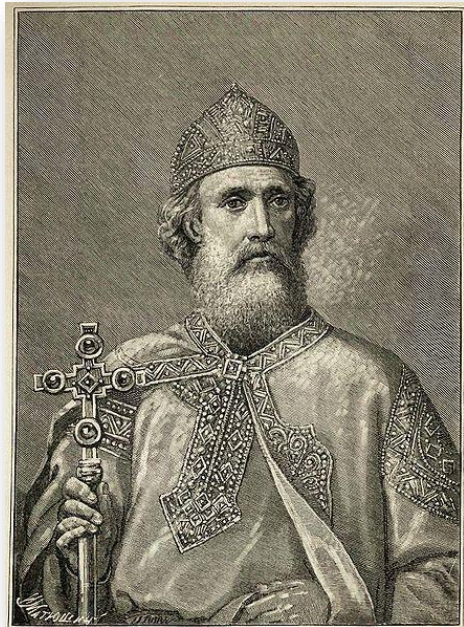
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Near modern day Odessa in Ukraine

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Like Charlemagne of Europe, Svyatoslav divided the Kiev state between his sons. Upon his death in 972AD during a battle with Pechenegs, his sons naturally fought

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among themselves for power. This historically was always a bad decision when one had multiple sons.

Svyatoslav's son Prince Volodymyr (Vladimir) was the prince of Novgorod. He was forced to flee to Scandinavia in 976AD after his brother Yaropolk had murdered his other brother Oleg and conquered Rus. It was in Sweden, with the help of his relative Ladejarl Håkon Sigurdsson, who was the ruler of Norway at the time, that Volodymyr managed to assemble a Varangian army and marched on Novgorod from Yaropolk and succeeded in his conquest. By 980AD, Volodymyr had consolidated the Kievan realm from modern-day Ukraine to

the Baltic Sea and had solidified the frontiers against incursions of Bulgarian, Baltic, and Eastern nomads.



Vladimir Sviatoslavich (978-1015AD) (3.5 grams)
А СТОЛЕ А СЕ ЕГО СРЕБРО ("Vladimir is on the throne and this is his silver")

Finally, in 980AD, Prince Volodymyr managed to defeat all his brothers and unified the country into one powerful state with Kiev as the capital. Volodymyr had also adopted Christianity in 988AD and began a campaign to convert the entire population Christianizing the Kievan Rus.

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Vladimir the Great
(c. 958 – 15 July 1015)
Prince of Novgorod & Grand Prince of Kiev
Ruler of Kievan Rus' (980-1015AD)
Coinage of Volodymyr the Great
copied that of the Byzantine tradition for Kiev Rus coinage

This is really the first time that we find coinage imitating that of Byzantine. Volodymyr produced silver and gold coins with his portrait on one side and the trident on the reverse side (The trident is Coat of Arms of present-day Ukraine). His coins boldly declared that he was on the throne and this was his silver.

His gold coins are exceptionally rare but are the first portraits to appear in this region of the world. Therefore, it is clear that this is the first ruler who is establishing his mark upon the region from which modern Ukraine claims his symbol – the trident.

In History, he is known as Volodymyr the Great or Saint Volodymyr. During his reign, hordes from Pecheneg defeated the Khazars and pushed out the Hungarian hordes from the southern steppes. Now they began to encroach upon the Kievan state. Volodymyr began to fortify Kiev against these invaders. After his death in 1015AD, fighting and assassinations emerged among his sons, resulting in victory for Prince Yaroslav in 1019AD.



Yaroslav the Wise (978 - 1054)
AR One Srebrennik

Yaroslav I the Wise (978–1054; Rules 1019–1054) then consolidated nearly the entire region of his father's territory defeating the Pechenegs. Yaroslav became one of the most powerful rulers in Europe at this time. This is also when the Eastern Orthodox Church hierarchy begins to emerge. This is when the Patriarch is established about 1037AD in Kiev, which will later move to Moscow after the Mongol-Tatar Invasion of 1240AD.

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The patriarch of Constantinople promoted intermarrying the families of leaders. Yaroslav in 1019, Yaroslav married Ingegerd Olofsdotter, daughter of the king of Sweden. He thereafter began a major building project constructing Kiev's fortifications while also adding churches. It was Yaroslav who also introduced the rule of law and established legal courts which was a major factor in him being called The Wise.

Yaroslav did not learn from the past mistake of dividing his kingdom between his sons. After his death in 1054AD, as typical, they began to fight among themselves dividing the country between their sons. This practice of fragmentation is what destroyed the power of the empire resulting in a number of small principalities. Kiev lost its power and respect in the process. They were incapable of defending against invaders coming from the north, east, and south. This was also a period of political turmoil between the East and the West of Europe.

Going into the millennium, there was a strong belief that this date would be the end of the world and Jesus would return. Even in England we see Aethelred II (978-1016AD) was so convinced the world was

about to end in 1000AD, he removed his portrait from the coinage and replaced it with the Christian symbol of the lamb. The world did not end and he restored his portrait the following year. So this was a spiritual chaotic period that tried the souls of men as they say. It appears that once the millennium had passed, the infighting all returned both politically as well as within Christianity.

The Great Schism of 1054AD represented the break between the Eastern and Western Christian churches. The primary confrontation between East and West was also about power. Rome's had insisted on Roman Papal Supremacy since that was where Peter was crucified. This was in part disturbing to the Patriarch in Constantinople who felt that the capital of Rome moved to Constantinople in 337AD and they were the real seat of power. But there was more to the Great Schism than that. At the start of the millennium there had been an understanding that Rome would be first among equals. But this fell apart thanks to the French.



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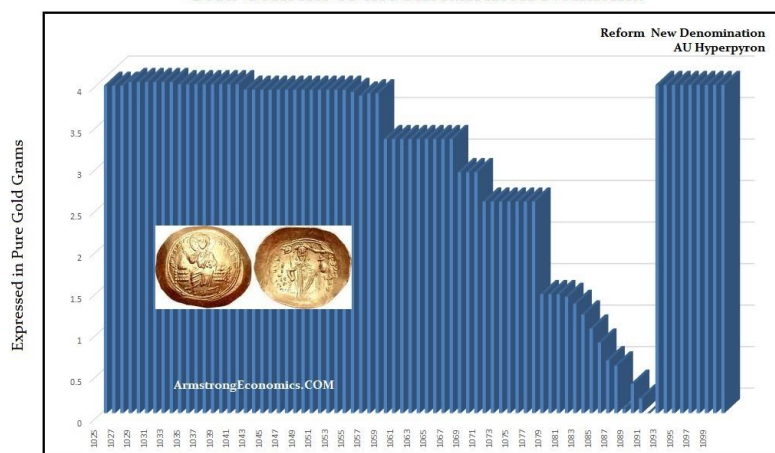
However, in Europe, there was another facture which supported the Great Schism of 1054AD. On the death of Pope Damasus II in 1048, his successor Pope Leo IX (born 1002; 1049–1054), favored a canonical election and stipulated as a condition of his acceptance that he should first proceed to Rome and be freely elected by the voice of the clergy and people of Rome.



But Pope Leo IX also favored celibacy for clergy in his reformation of the Catholic Church. However, Patriarch Michael I Cerularius of Constantinople, wrote to the pope denouncing the use of unleavened bread and fasting days in the Latin Church. Leo IX sent a letter to Michael I in 1054, citing a large portion of the *Donation of Constantine*

which is a forged Roman imperial decree by Constantine I the Great transferring authority over Rome and the western part of the Roman Empire to the Pope. Leo IX believed it was genuine at the time but this document has been contested throughout the centuries as being forged during the 8th century.

Byzantine Great Monetary Crisis of 1092AD Gold Content of the Histamenon Nomisma



It wasn't until the Great Monetary Crisis of 1092AD that brought the economy of the Byzantine Empire to its knees. It was after this break with Rome that the Turks then had risen and began to invade the lands of the Byzantine Empire. This led to the Great Monetary Crisis of 1092 which was reflected in even the debasement

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of the gold coinage of the Byzantine Empire which had been the financial capital of the world and in part the reserve currency of the Western world.

Pope Urban II (born 1035; 1088–1099) who was still fighting against pretenders to the Papacy, received an ambassador from the Byzantine Emperor Alexius I Komnenos (1081–1118) asking for help against the Muslim Seljuk Turks. The Islamic Turks invaded Byzantine Anatolia which today is Turkey.

On November 27th, 1095, Pope Urban II made one the most important speeches of the Middle Ages. It was this Pope who gave rise to the Crusades by calling upon all the Christians in Europe to wage war against Muslims in the East to reclaim the Holy Land. His words were a cry of “Deus vult!” or “God wills it!” Perhaps Pope Urban II also saw this as a way to demonstrate Rome’s superiority.

The First Crusade (1096–1099) took place which was a series of religious wars that were purported to recover of the Holy Land from Islamic rule. However, Jerusalem had been under Muslim rule for hundreds of years. The Seljuk takeover of the region threatened local Christian populations, pilgrimages from the West, and the Byzantine Empire itself. As the Europeans invaded, they saw the riches of the Byzantine Empire as the opportunity for plunder. The Kievan princes were force to look at Europe as a new invader.



Grand Prince Kiev - Vladimir II Monomakh
(born 1053; 1113–1125)

The Great Monetary Crisis of 1092



Alexius I (1081–1118)

gold Histamenon Nomisma

debased gold Histamenon Nomisma
using silver (electrum)

Finally in 1097AD, all the Kievan princes agreed to stop fighting between themselves in light of the Crusades. They could also no longer afford the price of war in the face of the Great Monetary Crisis of 1092.

Then in 1103AD, the Kievan princes united their forces under the leadership of the Grand Prince Vladimir II Monomakh (born 1053; 1113–1125). In 1094, he was listed as the Prince in Kiev, and was buried in Kyiv, Ukraine. He was a grandson of Yaroslav the Wise. The Rus of Kiev faced the Polovetsian hordes who they did

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manage to defeat. The Polovetsians, which was a name they gave to the invaders from the North, was derived from the Ukrainian word "polovtsy" meaning blonde.

In addition, it was Vladimir II who was accredited to monetary reform in Russia from what some called Jewish Oppression in 1113AD. He banned Usury, lending money at interest, which reduced the economic expansion founding a new Christian Empire.

In the "Testament" of Vladimir II Monomakh, he wrote for his sons, recounts 83 military campaigns and recorded killing 200 Polovtsy princes. This is actually considered the earliest known example of Old Russian literature. The statue of Vladimir stands at Smolensk, Russia at the Assumption Cathedral. Vladimir II

Monomakh was also known as an administrator, whose ability was to restrain the internal warfare among his princely relatives. He also founded the city of Vladimir on the Klyazma River in northeastern Russia. By end of the of the 12th century, this city eventually replaced Kiev as the seat of the grand prince.

After defeating the Polovetsians, once again the princes sought their own power returning to division which weakened the land. This resulted in the near-collapse of both the cultural and political systems among the Kievan princes (Ukraine). From then on, Ukraine was fragmented returning to numerous principalities. Each maintained their own rule of law and cultural customs diverged. Eventually, Kiev lost its power and influence over the region and principalities once again sought their own self-interests dividing the land.

In 1169AD, Prince Andrey Bogolyubski (also known as Andrew I) (1111–1174AD) marched upon Kiev conquering and destroying the entire political system. Andrew I established his capital in Vladimir which was near the present site of Moscow. He had defeated the Kievan/Ukrainian princes because they were divided.



Grand Prince Vladimir II Monomakh
(born 1053; 1113-1125)

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Golden Gates of Kiev

It was at this time that we begin to see a split between East and West Ukraine. The Western partition – Halych (Galicia) and Volynj (Volhynia)— were free from Polovetsian raids and gradually emerged as leading principalities. Roman Mstislavich of Volhynia (1199–1205) ruled there in 1199 after he conquered Galicia and united the two principalities. Under his son Daniel (1201–1264), difficulties with the Galicians and the interference of the

Hungarians weakened the principality which allowed it to be conquered in 1240 by the Mongol-Tatar invasion.

From the 1220s into the 1240s, the Mongols conquered the Turkic states of Volga Bulgaria, Cumania, Alania, and the Kievan Rus' federation. The Kievians had joined with their former enemy the Polovtsi and fought together to expel this new invaders from the East. They succeeded briefly at first but by 1240AD, the Mongols returned and besieged Kiev. Then on December 16th, 1240, Kiev fell and it was sacked and they destroyed the city's fortifications to prevent its rise from the ashes. All that remains is the last of the Golden Gates of Kiev, which were constructed between 1017–1024.

The invader was grandson of Genghis Khan (1162–1227). Genghis Khan had tried to conquer China, but broke off his invasion in 1218 and turned toward the West. He died in 1227AD, and it was his grandson Kubla Khan (1215–1294) who turned back to conquer China in 1279. His dynasty fell in 1368AD, and so was the fate of the Mongolian Empire.

After the fall of Kiev, the hordes moved westward, plundering Halych, Poland and Hungary then in 1245AD they returned and occupied eastern Ukraine where some stayed behind to live in the rich fertile lands.



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It was Prince Daniel of Galicia (1201–1264) (Danylo Romanovych) who was the son of Prince Roman Mstislavich) that fought in the Western part of Ukraine against the serious Mongol-Tatar Hordes establishing the city of Lviv in 1250AD as a defense



Prince Daniel of Galicia
(1201–1264AD)
Crowned King of the Rus 1253AD

site. In 1253AD he accepted the royal crown from the pope thereby establishing a brief alliance with Rome. After Danylo died in 1264AD, his sons continued to rule in peaceful coexistence with the Mongol-Tatars. To this day, Tartars still reside in Crimea.

Historically, Moscow began to rise as a city nearly 100 years following the destruction of Kiev in 1240AD during the 14th century about 1340AD when it was known as the Grand Duchy of Moscow between 1340 and 1547. It was under Ivan I (b 1288; 1325–1340) that Moscow became a political center of Vladimir-Suzdal emerging as the sole collector of taxes for the Mongol-Tatar rulers demanding tribute. Because Ivan I was able to collect taxes, his high tribute payments to the Mongol Khan transformed Russia into an economic asset. Unlike Ukraine, Ivan did not split

Moscow among his sons and we see the throne passing only to the eldest, a very English tradition of Monarchs.

The people of Moscow grew to resent the high taxes that led to rising civil unrest and opposition against foreign domination. In 1380AD, prince Dmitri Ivanovich Donskoi (b 1350; 1363–1389), also known as Saint Dmitry of Moscow, led a united Russian army to an important victory over the Tatars in the Battle of Kulikovo. The battle, however, was not decisive and only two years later Moscow was sacked again by Khan Tokhtamysh of the Mongols.

In Rome, Pope Nicholas III (born 1225; 1277–1280), had repaired the Lateran Palace which the popes had lived and the Vatican becoming the first pope to actually reside in the Vatican. Following his death, the fate of Europe was turning dark.

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There was also an important war between France and England which led to a major Financial Crisis of 1294 which appears to have led to Kiev rejoining the Byzantine Empire in 1303AD.

That is when Philip IV (1268–1314) of France was desperate for money to fund the war so he began to seize the Italian bankers he had borrowed from. He became so greedy; he seized Pope Boniface VIII (born 1230; Pope 1294–1303) taking him prisoner and seized the Papacy itself. Philip IV move the Papacy from Rome to Avignon, France and installed his own French anti-Pope.



Philip IV
(1268–1314)

In 1299, with Kiev destroyed, the Kievan archbishopric seat was moved to Moscow making that the head of the region. In 1303AD the Kievan Princes rejoined the Byzantine empire with respect to religion breaking off with Rome given all the turmoil especially between England and France.

After the death of Danylo's son Lev I of Galicia (1228–1301), the Western principalities were headed with the capital at Lviv. He was succeeded by his son Yuri I of Halych–Volhynia (born 1252/1257; ruled 1301–1308). He in turn was succeeded by his two sons Andrew of Galicia, Prince of Ruthenia (1308–1323) and Lev II Prince of Ruthenia (1308–1323). Both king Andrew and his brother Lev II were well respected on the west and upon their death, the Polish king Władysław I wrote to the Pope: *"The two last Ruthenian kings, that had been firm shields for Poland from the Tatars, left this world and after their death Poland is directly under Tatar threat."* That ended the dynasty of Roman Mstyslavych.

Hence, the region became unstable once again. Poland, Hungary, and Lithuania all made their play to absorb what is Western Ukraine today. Each spught control of the land and then in 1360AD, Ukraine was then partitioned between Poland and Lithuania with the Tatars retaining Crimea. Galicia–Volhynia came under Polish domination while the Lithuanians took Eastern Ukraine and Kiev.

The Lithuanian princes defended Ukraine against Poland and Moscow. This appears to be the time period where the culture between what was the Rus in Ukraine diverged with those in Moscow. Poland tended to exploit the region which

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LITHUANIA, Grand Duchy. Algirdas (1345-1377AD)
Fraction (Silver, 14 mm, 0.55 grams)
*Anonymous type, imitating a Golden Horde dirham of Mongols
struck by Jani Beg I (1341-1357) from Gulistan, circa 1360s-1380s*

created the deep-seated hatred of Polish in the years that followed. Overall, this began the start of the pattern of foreign domination of Ukraine. In 1386AD, Poland and Lithuania formed a dynastic union, and of course Ukraine absorbed.

During the period of 1393-1430AD, Lithuania defeated the German hordes at the Battle of Grunwald that ended almost 200 years of war. Ukraine actually brought Christianity to pagan Lithuania. Even the coinage of Lithuania was pagan and they were issuing imitations of silver coinage of the Mongols. Lithuania thereafter emerged as one of the most powerful states in Europe.

In 1400AD Lithuania, together with its Ukrainian principalities, separated to maintain their character. Then in 1413AD, religion between East and West began to emerge and a decision was made to allow only Catholics to occupy important government positions known as the "*Horodlo Privilege*" which actually discriminated against the Ukrainians. Virtually all Ukrainians in those days were Eastern Orthodox and would not qualify as Catholics. This was really a power-play using religion to divide the people.

The Ottoman Empire began in 1326AD and was moving to conquer Constantinople. It was 1441 following the decline of the Mongol Empire, that Hacı I Giray (born 1397; ruled circa 1441-1466) who was a descendant of Ghengiz Kahn, founded a Mongol Kahnate in Crimea and the surrounding areas, the Crimean Kahnate – the House of Giray (Crimean Tatar). However, he was not able to fight off internal rivals until 1449 when he consolidated his power.

After his death, his sons fought over which one should succeed him. The Ottomans intervened and installed Meñli I Giray (born (1445; 1st reign 1441-1456; 2nd 156-1515). The Ottomans later imprisoned him but



Sultan Muhammad II - The Fall of Constantinople
(April 6th, 1453 until Tuesday, May 29th, 1453)

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brought him back after three years under condition that he accept Ottoman sovereignty. Nevertheless, the Ottomans treated the powerful Crimean Kahnate as an ally rather than a vassal because of its military successes. Crimean coins essentially followed the Mongol pattern regardless of the political situation.

The Ottoman conquest resulted in the final fall of Constantinople in 1453AD under the reign of Sultan Muhammad II (1432–1481). While the fall of Constantinople led to the spread of knowledge by the flight of scholars to Rome beginning the Renaissance in Western Europe, this same flight altered the course of Russia.



Ivan Ivan Vasilevich III, the Great
(Иван III Васильевич)
(b 1440; 1462–1505)

Therefore, it was against this backdrop that we come to Ivan III (The Great) (b 1440; 1462–1505) and his marriage to Sophia Paleologa in 1472AD. This event appears to begin the blossoming rebirth of Russia that would lead to it becoming a world power. Ivan created the first Rule of Law that is the cornerstone of all national wealth following the Byzantine system of law created by Justinian I (527–565AD).

Ivan Vasilevich III the Great became the Grand Duke of all the Rus in 1502 after in 1480, he finally broke the Russian people free from Mongol-Tatar control, allowing Moscow to become the center of power in Russia as a nation. Under Ivan III the city became the capital of the emerging Russian Empire that would eventually encompass all of present-day Russia and other lands.

Ivan III (1440–1505) The Great ruled Moscow (1462–1505). Moscow became the seat of Greek Orthodox Christianity where much of it fled from the Turks which is why the Moscow Patriarch dominated even Ukraine until Zelensky sought to sever the ties to Moscow. Schools of learning began to appear in Rome reviving old knowledge long since forgotten. Thus, the Fall of Constantinople in 1453AD led to expanding the Age of Enlightenment broadening the arts and science that gave birth to so much in so many areas. It was no coincidence that Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492AD for he used maps and ideas that were ancient in origin that came from Constantinople.



Sophia Paleologa
(c. 1440–1503)

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There was a period of hostilities between Lithuania and Moscow when about 1480AD Moscow annexed several principalities in eastern Ukraine as it began to invade the area. We also see rising civil unrest after the fall of Constantinople against Poland and Lithuania who were major powers at this time. In 1490AD, there was an attempted rebellion under Mukha in western Ukraine who sought help from neighboring Moldova.

In 1500AD we see in Eastern Ukraine yet another attempted uprising under Prince Mykhaylo Hlynskiy (1460–1534) who was a member of the Ukrainian nobility. He solicited help from Moscow and the Tatars to launch a separatist movement. After Alexander became king of Poland in 1501, Hlynsky ran the affairs of Lithuania. However, since he was a Ukrainian, he was seen as inferior invoking the hostility of the Lithuanian nobles. When Alexander died, he fell from favor and was even

accused of poisoning Alexander. With the help of his brothers, he staged an unsuccessful uprising (1507–1508) of Ukrainian and Belarusian landowners against the new king Sigismund and the Lithuanian nobles.



Sigismund III

King of Poland & Grand Duke of Lithuania (1587–1632)

King of Sweden & Grand Duke of Finland (1592–1599)

Gold Ducat, 1599/88. Riga Mint

Riga which had been a Polish protectorate since 1561, was fully subsumed into the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth until its 1621 when it fell to Sweden.

The term “Ukraine”, which is translated as “borderland” came into use. During the 16th century, Poland-Lithuania came into conflict with the principality of

Moscow for control of the region of Ukraine. The resentment of the Ukrainians and why the neo-Nazi movement also tried to exterminate the Polish as well as the Jews, dates back to this period. The Ukrainians fled South to escape the religious persecution and serfdom that harsh Polish rule. These fugitives established a military order known as Cossacks of which the root was from the Turkic “kazak” which means adventurer or outlaw. The Cossacks waged a successful revolution against Polish domination in 1648.

In 1552, a Ukrainian prince, Dmytro Wyshnevetskyi, rose from this Cossacks society constructing a castle on the island Khortytsya. From there, the Cossacks conducted raids on Crimean towns against the Tartars sometimes with help from Moscow. By 1569, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth was founded and Ukraine formed the eastern frontier of the country. Polish-Lithuanian coins were used in Ukraine at that

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time. Ukraine was merged into Poland which sparked some Polish migration into the region of Western Ukraine. They established the Polish rule of law. Ukrainian peasants lost their property and basic human rights. This is when European serfdom transformed Ukraine.

The Greek Eastern Orthodox Church tended to distinguish Ukrainian literature reducing the people to a lower class within society. Western Catholics dominated commerce and economic-political advancement while Ukrainians became second-class citizens suitable for serfdom



Ivan Fyodorov
First Complete Slavic Bible

Ukrainian culture managed to survive. Eastern Orthodox Church schools and seminaries began to reappear based at first on the properties of wealthy Ukrainians. This is also when a printing industry began to surface publishing the Bible in Ukrainian by Ivan Fyodorov.

Trade also began to reappear during the late 16th century with guilds for teaching skills. Schools emerged as well as hospitals and all were centers of the Orthodox Church. The influx of people to Cossack territory managed to increase their number and power pushing the Tatars further South into Crimea where they remain today.

It became the Ukrainian Cossacks who defended Ukraine emerging as the defender of all of Eastern Europe from the Turks and Tatar hordes. The Cossacks were causing diplomatic problems for Poland since the Turks in the Ottoman Empire used the Cossacks as an excuse for wars against Poland.

In 1571, the Crimean Tatars returned and sacked Moscow, burning everything but the Kremlin to the ground once again. The reason for Russian military aggression was argued to be retaliation against the Tatar's raids of their southern regions. Tatars eventually lost their influence in the region and Moscow ultimately moved southward toward the Caspian Sea.



Ivan Pidkova
(1577-1578)

When Cossack leader, Ivan Pidkova (1577-1578), conquered Moldova in 1577, but Poland captured and executed him in order to appease the Turks the following year.

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The Polish empire was now in decline. They tried to control the Cossacks by recruiting some of them into the Polish military system. But this did not succeed. They then tried to grant land in Ukraine to Polish nobles and some Ukrainian princes who were loyal to the Polish king. This merely instigated civil unrest which led to a rebellion about 1590.

Interestingly, the Pope and the German Kaiser sought to recruit some 12000 as mercenaries for war against the Turks. While they managed to conquer Moldova in 1595, they merely returned to Ukraine and fought against the Polish rulers. They also defended the Orthodox population against the Jesuits from Rome.

In 1596 at a synod of Brest, the Kievan bishops signed an act of union with Rome. Ukrainians then recognized the supremacy of the Pope but retained the Eastern rites and the Slavonic liturgical language.

Also in the year 1596, when Poland under Sigismund III sought an all-out war to conquer the Cossack forces. After several months of a siege, about 6000 Cossack fighters, in order to save their families, agreed to Polish terms to let them go free in exchange

for handing over their leaders. Believing they had an agreement, after the surrender, the Poles still massacred the unarmed defenseless Cossacks. Hence, another memory that would be revived by the neo-Nazis in Ukraine for the slaughter of Polish in addition to the Jews. However, there was a small portion of the Cossack forces who did not trust the Poles. They broke through the Polish ranks and came to the rescue of the besieged Cossacks.

Thereafter, the Polish abandoned the idea to conquer the Cossacks. They then returned to Poland where they tortured and executed those Cossack leaders who were handed over. As the account retell, the Polish tortured the Cossack leaders for over one year before they finally executed them in brutal fashion. The net result was that the Cossacks had been significantly weakened. Nonetheless, eventually they were victorious against the Turks and against Moldova.

In 1599, Poland reached out for help from the Cossacks against Moldova. As Sweden began to rise, once again the Polish sought the help of the Cossacks. The



Poland King Sigismund III Vasa
(1587-1632)
Poland 6 Groszy 1596 Malbork

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war with Sweden ended in 1603, and for their help, they were granted the respect of equal status with the Polish military securing most of Ukraine.

The Cossacks believed their power was now secure. They began to carry out raids on lands controlled by Moscow. The Cossacks also attacked the Turks destroying or capturing many galleons additionally plundering Turkish cities scoring victories against the Ottoman Empire.

The ***Time of Troubles*** (Russian: Смутное время) was a period of about 15 years in Russian history comprising of an interregnum between the death of the last Russian Tsar of the Rurik Dynasty, Feodor Ivanovich (b1557; 1584–1598), who was some believed he was mentally challenged – a simpleton. He left no heir upon his death and this led to a chaotic period in Moscow with no ruler until 1613 when the Romanov Dynasty was established that ended with the Communist Revolution in 1917.

In 1601–1603, Moscow suffered a famine that killed one-third of the population, which was reported to be about two million. At this time, Russia had been occupied by the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Dymytriads, who oppressed the Russian people and they suffered greatly resulting in a period of civil uprisings.

In 1609, the Swedish army led by Jacob Pontusson De la Gardie (1583 –1652) and Field Marshal Evert Horn (1585–1615) started their march from Great Novgorod toward Moscow to help Tsar Vasili IV Shuisky (1552–1612) was Tsar of Russia between 1606 and 1610. They suppressed the rebellion against the Tsar, but left Moscow early in 1611, after which the Polish–Lithuanian army invaded. He was deposed and transported together with his two brothers to Warsaw where he died a prisoner in the castle of Gostynin in 1612.



Vasili IV Shuisky
(1552 – 1612; Tsar 1606-1610)

The Russia/Muscow rose together in 1612 under the leadership of Kuzma Minin, a Nizhny Novgorod merchant, and Prince Pozharsky, for the liberation of Moscow from the Polish–Lithuanian invaders. After the battle for Moscow on October 22,

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1612, the invaders retreated to the Kremlin. The Polish army was then forced to retreat. Those held up in the Kremlin surrendered to the triumphant Pozharsky. Annually on November 4th, Russia officially celebrates the anniversary of this event as a Day of National Unity.

In the spring of 1618, then about 20,000 Cossacks marched on Moscow. They began conquering many towns and fortresses on the way. Then near Moscow, they joined up with Polish forces. They eventually extracted peace terms favorable to Poland.

In 1620, Poland was defeated in Moldova. Poland once more turned to the Cossacks for assistance. The following year, a major battle took place against the Turks. Some 40,000 Cossacks and 35,000 Polish soldiers faced the Turkish army who they forced to retreat. The Poles cheered the Cossacks but they did not really compensation then leading to further distrust of the Poles once again.

The Cossacks thereafter defend the Eastern Orthodox faith and Ukraine against the Polish exploitation. The Cossacks were the only force that then Turks could never overcome. In 1624, the Cossacks secured an unexpected alliance with the Crimean Tatars, who had also now rebelled against the Turkish sultan over taxation. While the Turks sailed against the Tatar rebels, the Cossacks twice raided Istanbul and plundered both shores of Bosphorus. The Cossacks returned to help the Tatars and drove the Turks from Crimea.

In Russia, there was a popular uprising known as the Salt Riot of 1648, which was then followed by the Copper Riot of 1662. This was followed by a third even in Moscow which was the Uprising of 1682. This was one period of Revolution that lasted about 72 years as is historically the case.



RUSSIA - Alexis I (1645-1676)

Copper Kopek, 1662 - This minting of copper coins resulted in the "Copper Riots" - Alexei Mikhailovich Romanov (Russian: Алексей Михайлович) (March 9, 1629 (O.S.) - January 29, 1676 (O.S.)) was the Tsar of Russia during some of the most eventful decades of the mid-17th century. The Copper Riot, also known as the Moscow Uprising of 1662 (Russian: Медный бунт, Московское восстание 1662 года) was a major riot in Moscow, which took place on July 25 of 1662.

While the Cossacks were formidable, they were still not strong enough to stand alone. They entered a treaty with Moscow, acknowledging their superiority, yet secured Ukraine mostly their independence. Nevertheless, Moscow typically referred to them as the "little Russians." Ukraine then also struck a treaty with Poland in 1658. That ended in the

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creation of the Russo-Polish war and the partitioning of Ukraine. Their attempt to play both sides failed.



There was a religious upheaval in Russia that seems to have been a contagion which spread with its counterpart in Europe being the Protestant Reformation. In Russia, there was the Great Schism. Patriarch Nikon (1605–1681) who was the Seventh Patriarch of Moscow in the Russian Orthodox Church, serving officially from 1652 to 1666.

Indeed, ecclesiastical reform was already in the air. On October 31st, 1517 Martin Luther nailed a copy of his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. As the Protestant Revolution began to grow in Europe, this reform was infiltrating even the Eastern Orthodox Church which was never under the Roman Catholic Pope. The Cathedral of Vasily the Blessed, commonly known as Saint Basil's Cathedral, is an Orthodox church in Red Square of Moscow, and is one of the most popular cultural symbols of Russia. It was constructed in 1561 upon the orders of Ivan the Terrible, also called Ivan IV, (born August 25, 1530, grand prince of Moscow (1533–1584)

A number of ecclesiastical protopopes (deans), had decided to revise the church service-books which had been inaugurated by the late Patriarch Joasaph. When Patriarch Nikon came to power, he decided that those revisions were not enough.

Nikon launched aggressive reforms in a totalitarian manner. The scholars of Constantinople and Kiev had convinced Nikon that the Muscovite service-books were heterodox, and that the icons in use had violated the ancient Constantinopolitan models, and were influenced by West European baroque influences.

Nikon turned ruthlessly against icons ordering a house-to-house search for them to be made. His soldiers and servants were charged to gouge out the eyes of these heretical icons and then carry them through the town on display. He also

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issued an ukase threatening with the severest penalties all who dared to make or use such icons in future.

Nikon's power using religion equaled that of the Tsar if not perhaps surpassing him since he was to be subject to the church as well. Nikon's liturgical reforms were so unpopular and seen as tyrannical among conservatives, he had created what became known as the **Great Schism**. When Nikon began to enforce the reforms in the parishes, discontent rose into a massive religious and regional insurrection. Towns and parishes of the north broke into civil war between the "old" and "new" bishops. The Old Believers, dissenters who refused to accept Nikon's tyrannical reforms, were either crushed by government force, driven to self-destruction, or reduced to silent resistance.



Nikon (Russian: Никон)
(born 1605-1681; 1652-1666)
7th Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church

At the height of his career, Nikon became not only the supreme leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, but virtually co-Tsar with Peter the Great. He openly intervened in state affairs and counseled the Tsar on how he should rule. Nikon's influence was so great that he ruled the country while the Tsar went to war with Poland. It was this level of influence combined with his tyrannical rule of the Church. That made him many enemies among the boyars, who eventually convinced the Tsar that Nikon's glory overshadowed his own. They accused Nikon of working to supplant the state through church rule.

Over time, the Tsar started listening to the boyars and distanced himself from the Patriarch. In protest, Nikon went to live at the Ascension monastery after publicly stripping himself of his patriarchal vestments in 1658.

What began as a voluntary seclusion from arrogance in protest turned into his downfall. The Church effectively had no pastor, so the Synod gathered in 1666 to appoint a new patriarch. It was ruled that Nikon was guilty of offending the Tsar, and was to be stripped of both his archiepiscopal rank and priestly functions. Though the Tsar privately thought the measures were too drastic, he did not dare protest the decrees issued by the Synod for fear of committing a mortal sin.

After the decree was pronounced, Nikon was banished to a distant monastery to be reduced to a common monk. At the same time, the reforms he enacted were

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not cancelled and received the approval of the Synod. Hence, Nikon's reign of religious terror as the Seventh Patriarch of Moscow between 1652 to 1666, came to an end.



The Great Turkish War was a series of conflicts between the Ottoman Empire and the Holy League consisting of the Holy Roman Empire in Vienna, Poland-Lithuania, Venice, Russia, and Habsburg Hungary. Intensive fighting began in 1683 and since this was an assault directly on Vienna, the fact that this was the financial capital of Europe at the time, there was also a major financial panic that spread throughout Europe.

Eventually, the Turks were defeated ending the advance of the Ottoman Empire. Hence, the war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Karlowitz in 1699. The Ottoman Empire lost large amounts of territory for the first time. The war was significant also by being the first time that Russia was involved in an alliance with Western Europe. The Cossacks, were at least rewarded with land, but still not a nation state.



Petr I Alexeyevich Velikiy (Peter the Great)
(1682-1725)
AR Rouble (40mm, 28.73 grams) Kadashevsky mint

Starting from 1472 we then arrive at 1696 which is the year Ivan V (b 1666; 1682—1696) died. The crown was to pass to Peter I The Great (1682–1725) who was just 17 in 1689 when his sister, Sophia Alekseyevna (1657–1704), who one of Alexis' daughters from his first marriage, led a rebellion of the Streltsy who were the Russia's elite military corps during April–May 1682. Many of Peter's relatives and friends were murdered, and Peter even witnessed some of these acts of political violence unleashed by his half-sister.

The Streltsy made it possible for Sophia to demand that her brother Ivan V (1666–1696) be proclaimed joint Tsars with Peter. Ivan V was acclaimed as the senior. Peter was there simply to placate the political factions. With the help of Prince Vasily Golitsyn, Sophia installed herself during the minority of her brother Ivan V (and half-brother Peter I). Sophia acted as regent during the minority of the sovereigns and exercised all power for 7 years. Ivan V was seriously ill and nearly blind, in addition to having mental problems. He did not last very long as Sophia's puppet.



Sophia Alekseyevna
(1657-1704)

Sophia attempted to have herself crowned as tsarina, but in August 1687 the Streltsy denied assisting her. Sophia found that her political cycle had peaked, and her power position began to decline in 1688, as the Crimean war brought rioting and unrest to Moscow. The loss of the Crimean War crippled Russia and there was the beginning of revolution in 1688 which actually spread as a contagion in Europe manifesting in the **Glorious Revolution** of 1689 in England – English Civil War.

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King Charles I (b 1600; 1625-1649)

The 17th century was clearly a contagion of religious upheaval. The English Civil War unfolded and King Charles I (born 1600; 1625–1649) was beheaded and Oliver Cromwell came to power issuing coins as if he were king. Th riots in Russia led to the use of professional soldiers against the people for only the military could subdue these mobs. Ivan V (1682–1696) only fathered a girl, which eliminated any potential claim to the throne from her branch of the family.

Peter had married and tensions between the two factions continued to grow, until Peter I turned 17 years of



Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658)(Lord Protector until he died 1653-1658)

age, when his Naryshkin relatives demanded that Sophia step down. The Shaklovityi branch told Sophia she should outright proclaim herself tsarina and attempt to induce the Streltsy to support a new uprising. But the Streltsy units deserted her. Realizing that she was losing power, Sophia sent the boyars and the Patriarch to Peter, asking him to join her in the Kremlin. He flatly refused suspecting it may be a trap. Sophia surrendered and was arrested and sent to a convent without formally taking the veil.

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The conflict between Russia and Ukraine converging at this time. Ivan Mazepa (1639–1709), was the Cossack Hetman in Left-bank Ukraine, from 1687–1708, and Prince of the Holy Roman Empire *ad personam* 1707–1709. Mazepa was famous and also played an important role in the Battle of Poltava. After he learned of Peter I's intent to relieve him as acting Hetman of Ukraine and replace him with Alexander Menshikov, Mazepa deserted his army and sided with Charles of Sweden. The politicization of this desertion has lasted all this time for Ivan Mazepa remains a Ukrainian hero and a traitor to Russia to this very day.

The Battle of Poltava on June 27th, 1709 was a turning point in Russian history. This was a battle, where Peter the Great and the Russians defeated the Swedish army in a turning point in a war with Sweden. Poltava is actually in Ukraine, and Ivan Mazepa remains a Ukrainian hero and a traitor to Russia to this very day. This was the decisive battle that placed Russia as a major power on the European stage of politics. So here we are facing the 309.6-year cycle and we see Ukraine matched against Russia once again that turns in 2018. This was a battle, where Peter the Great and the Russians defeated the Swedish army which was the turning point in a war with Sweden. Poltava is actually in Ukraine, and this was the battle that made Russia a significant power.

From 17th century onward, Ukraine was dominated by political unrest and was indeed just a borderland under the control of Moscow, Poland, and Lithuania over

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the course of the centuries. Not until after the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. It was only then did Ukraine declare complete independence in January 1918 under the Communists becoming one of the republics of the USSR in 1922. During World War II, Germany invaded Ukraine. The Nazis viewed all Slavs with contempt as an inferior race.



Finally, with the collapse of the Soviet Union in July 1990 a declaration of sovereignty was passed by the Ukrainian parliament, and in August 1991 Ukraine was declared to be at last an independent nation-state. Leonid Kravchuk became the first president of Ukraine in December 1991.

Corruption has been inherent in Ukrainian politics. The Orange Revolution swept then-prime minister Yanukovych into power 2004 and that brought Tymoshenko out of power. It was widely viewed that Yanukovych stole his current position of power and his decision not to sign the deal with the EU centers on the EU's demands that he releases from jail former Prime Minister his political opponent who he had imprisoned. So, you are starting to get a sense of the depth of this corruption.

Ukrainian Revolutions Have Been:

- Khmelnysky Uprising (1648–57)
- Ukraine after the Russian Revolution
- Ukrainian War of Independence (1917–21)
- Declaration of Ukrainian State Act (1941)
- Declaration of Independence of Ukraine (1991)
- Orange Revolution (2004–2005)
- Euromaidan (2013–2014) Ukrainian revolution

Ukrainian Nazis



Ever since Putin invaded to “De-Nazify” Ukraine to protect the Russian people in the Donbas, the Western press has gone to extremes to rewrite history and pretend that Ukrainian Nazis never existed. Yet all you have to do is google old news stories like this one from The Times of Israel³ which was upset over the large neo-Nazi Demonstrations in 2019. Right there in Kyiv there were massive neo-Nazi demonstrations noting that they were now a legitimate political party entering Parliament. Yet the Western press ignores those facts because they would support Putin’s claims signaling the decline and fall of independent journalism.

To understand the Ukrainian Nazi hatred of Russians, Poles, and Jews, it is important to understand that much of this hatred stems from the contest over Galicia – the

³ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/head-of-ukrainian-group-glorifying-nazi-collaborators-set-to-enter-parliament/>

forgotten country. In 1253AD, Prince Daniel of Galicia (1201–1264AD) was crowned the King of Rus (Russians)/King of Ruthenia following the Mongol-Tatar invasion of Kievan Rus which destroyed Kiev in 1240AD.

People from Galicia were the original Rus much like the Sephardic Jews who established communities in the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) with different customs from other Jews being isolated. Here too, although they were of the same Slavic heritage, the Galician Rus did not want to call themselves Ukrainians for they saw themselves as the true historic traditional Rus (Russians). They were driven there following the Mongol-Tatar Invasion by the grandson of Genghis Khan (1162–1227) who destroyed the capital of the Rus (Russians) which was Kiev in 1240AD.



This region of Galicia in Western Ukraine has been the subject of a three-tier ping-pong match between the Hapsburgs, the Swedes, and Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. This is in part why the Ukrainian Nazis during World War II targeted also the Polish for ethnic cleansing. Poland's President Andrzej Duda has called on Ukraine's western-backed leaders to admit their shameful past with regard to how Ukrainian nationalists massacred over 100,000 Poles during World War II. The West is covertly supporting now the Ukrainian Nazis.⁴



Prince Daniel of Galicia
(1201–1264AD)
Crowned King of the Rus 1253AD

This region known informally as Galicia, became the most populous province of the Austrian Empire, and then after 1867 it became part of the Austrian half of Austria-Hungary Empire until the dissolution of the monarchy at the end of the First World War in 1918. After that point in time, Galicia ceased to exist as a geographic identity.

⁴ <https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/11/685460/Poland-Duda-Ukraine-Nazi-Bandera-Azov-battalion>

During the First World War, Galicia saw the clash between the forces of Russia and the Central Powers where Russian forces overran most of the region in 1914. The Russians were then pushed out in 1915 by a combined German and Austro-Hungarian offensive. This was followed by the oppression of the Galicia Rus.

This hatred of Russians actually began during World War I against at first the ethnic Russians of Galicia. The first concentration camps in Europe, Terezin and Thalerhof, were established in Austria-Hungary in the fall of 1914. They were not to hold prisoners of war, but the empire's own "undesirables" much like the U.S. did to the Japanese during World War II. Vienna was protecting its eastern border areas from members of its population which saw themselves as Russian yet living in the historic region of Galicia. Austria-Hungary's last emperor, Charles I (1887–1922), confessed in his edict of May 7th, 1917; "All the arrested Russians are innocent, but they were detained to prevent them becoming guilty."



Charles I of Austria
(1887–1922)



Down with the infamous Riga partition! Long live a free peasant indivisible Belarus!

The fate of Galicia was settled by the **Peace of Riga** on March 18th, 1921, which handed Galicia to the Second Polish Republic – hence the Ukrainian Nazi hatred of the Polish. Even Belarus was not satisfied with the agreement. The Ukrainians never accepted that as legitimate despite being internationally recognized on May 15th, 1923. Consequently, Western Galicia became a part of the restored

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Republic of Poland in 1918. The local Ukrainian population saw the Poles as their enemy and attempted to declare their independence of Eastern Galicia declaring the name of the "West Ukrainian People's Republic." They were rejected just as the Donbas today for political territory supersedes human rights.

The Austrian authorities called the Galicians "Rusyns", and arrested them incarcerating them in two places – in a garrison fortress in Terezin and in a valley near Graz. While the prisoners in Terezin were held in the vaults and dungeons of the fortress, with the support of local Czechs, the concentration camp later known as Thalerhof was little more than a field fenced in with barbed wire lacking shelter.

The Ukrainians of the former eastern Galicia and the neighboring province of Volhynia made up about 12% of the Second Polish Republic population. This was the origin of the Ukrainian Nazis which became a militant underground group of Ukrainian Nationalists.



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Hundreds Of Ukrainians March To Honor Controversial Nationalist Leader

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Today, most of Galicia is back in the territory of Western Ukraine and the largest city is Lviv, is the capitol of that region. However, this is also where the statue of the Ukrainian Nazi godfather, so to speak, Stepan Bandera (1909–1959) resides. Stepan Bandera is considered a hero for his fight for Ukraine independence and ethnic purity.



Stepan A. Bandera
(1909–1959)

To this day, there are numerous marches and demonstrations arguing for Ukrainian dominance and to really force the Russian-Ukrainians to leave or be exterminated. Such marches and demonstrations often display the picture of Stepan Bandera (1909–1959) (in Ukrainian: Степан Андрійович Бандера).

This entire idea of ethnic cleansing was by no means confined to Hitler. This has been a unique culture in the Balkans over the centuries. I believe this emanates from ancient times for you see if you killed someone that was not a state crime. From ancient Athenian law, the family had the obligation to prosecute someone. That tended to evolve into what people would often call a family feud. The family of the victim was then justified to kill anyone in your family. It did not have to be the person

who actually did the deed. Consequently, to this day the Russian and the Italian Mafia never mess with the Armenian Mafia for they will kill your entire family and the dog to prevent that family feud. Thus, the Ukrainians ascribe to that same philosophy but to a lesser extent.





1919 Map of Eastern Europe before the Divisions

As a result of this hatred on both sides, the initial prisoners during World War I were brought to the Austrian prison camp Thalerhof and in September of 1915, the first barracks began to be built only after the war began whereas the Galician Rus were forced to lie in the open in the rain and cold. The New York Times reported on December 16th, 1917 that according to Joseph McCormick, a U.S. Congressman, the prisoners were often beaten and

tortured. (*Terrorism in Bohemia; Medill McCormick Gets Details of Austrian Cruelty.* 'New York Times', December 16, 1917). Obviously, this carved lasting memories in the mines of the Galicians.

It is believed that about 20,000 people passed through this camp subjected to inhumane conditions of which 3,800 people were executed in the first half of 1915 alone. Their crime was that "until July 26, 1914, and after the announcement of general mobilization, on July 31, 1914, all of them were members of various Russophile societies in Galicia and Bukovina..." At least another 3,000 died from the conditions just living in the open with no shelter. The Galicians were not considered to be Ukrainian at the time and were seen simply as Russian supporters.

The Nationalist Ukrainians were anti-Galicia and as such they were part of the prison guards at Thalerhof. Galicia was seen as separate from Ukraine and indeed they may have been ethnically of a slightly different gene pool. Because they supported Russia they were seen as the enemy by both Ukraine and Austria.



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While Russia was becoming an empire, Ukraine had failed to establish its own state. The old Russian Empire's border was the Dnipro River and the West of the river is where Kyiv existed since the 17th century. The territories were reorganized into regular Russian provinces administered by governors appointed from St. Petersburg. From then until the 20th century, Russia and the Soviet Union controlled most of modern Ukrainian territory, which had no national identity.



Geetings archway with the signs declaring
"Glory to Hitler! Glory to Bandera! Long live the Ukrainian
Independent State! Long live our leader S. Bandera"
Zhovkva Castle, Western Ukraine, July-August 1941.

After the Russian Revolution of 1917 and towards the end of World War I, this is when Ukraine briefly became independent as they aligned with Austria and prosecuted the Galicians for being Russian. After World War I, Soviet Russia then regained control of the region in 1944 and expanded its borders to include territory taken from Romania, Poland, and Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic). Thus, today's map of Ukraine was created by the Soviets.

Redrawing the map of Europe was clearly political. The entire period is complicated for Russia was in a civil war and in Germany there was a Communist Revolution of 1918 which became the Weimar Republic. These events were followed by hyperinflations in Germany and Hungary. Claims today that Russia has invaded a sovereign nation of Ukraine are debatable. The problem has been that the borders were drawn not based upon the ethnicity of the people, but simply by politicians which has furthered hatreds and continued civil wars.

Consequently, against this backdrop, we enter the people of World War II. The Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) was in bed with Hitler during World War II. Stephan Bandera was recruited before World War II into the Nazi German military intelligence for espionage and sabotage. The goal was support Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union. In early 1941, Bandera held meetings with the heads of Germany's intelligence, regarding the formation of "Nachtigall" and "Roland" Battalions. In spring of that year, the OUN received 2.5 million marks for subversive activities inside the Soviet Union.

It was June 30th, 1941 when the German Nazi troops arrived in Ukraine. Bandera then declared the independence of the Ukrainian state. But it was to be part of

the new world order under the vision of Adolf Hitler. Bandera declared this would free Ukraine of the "Moscovite occupation."

Bandera's expectation was that joining the Nazi regime would lead to Hitler recognizing Ukraine as an independent ally. Initially, the Germans were greeted as liberators by some of the Ukrainian populace. In Galicia especially, there had long been a widespread belief that Germany, as the avowed enemy of Poland and the U.S.S.R., was the Ukrainians' natural ally for the attainment of their independence. The illusion, however, was quickly shattered.

Nonetheless, by 1941 relations between Nazi Germany and Bandera had begun to turn cold. The Germans, far from supporting Ukrainian political aspirations, in August they attached Galicia administratively to Poland, returned Bukovina to Romania, and gave Romania control over the area between the Dniester and Southern Buh rivers as the province of Transnistria, with its capital at Odessa. The remainder was organized as the Reichskommissariat Ukraine.



Stepan Bandera (center) wearing the German Merit Cross 2nd Class with Swords
Ukrainian "nationalist" was Ukrainian Nazis intended to be ethnic cleansing

Hitler was playing Bandera for all he could extract. There is a Nazi document that surfaced after the war which was dated November 25th, 1941 stating:

*"... the Bandera Movement is preparing a revolt in the Reichskommissariat which has as its ultimate aim the establishment of an independent Ukraine. All functionaries of the Bandera Movement must be arrested at once and, after thorough interrogation, are to be liquidated..."*⁵

On July 5th, 1941, Bandera was placed under arrest and taken to Berlin. On July 12th, the Germans arrested the prime minister of the newly formed Ukrainian National Government. Both were released from custody on July 14th, 1941, but there were confined to Berlin. On September 15th, 1941 Bandera and other leading OUN members were arrested by the Gestapo.

⁵ Andrew Gregorovich: Worldr II in Ukraine; infoukes.com/history/ww2/page-08.html

In January 1942, Bandera was sent to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. In April 1944, Bandera and his deputy Yaroslav Stetsko were released and allowed to return to Ukraine in the hope that his partisans would harass the Soviet troops which were now defeating the Germans. Bandera then double-crossed the Germans and fought against both the Russians and Germans still trying to create an independent Ukraine. For this reason, he is still considered to be a hero of Ukraine.

At the end of February 1943, Bandera formed the 'Ukrainian Insurgent Army' (UPA) to 'fight the advancing Red Army' of the Russians, which was driving the Nazis from the country. After escaping from German custody Roman Shukhevich (1907–



Roman Shukhevich
(1907–1950)
Military Leader of Ukrainian UPA

1950), once again headed the Military section of the OUN. In May he became a member of the leadership of the OUN and in time the head. In August 1943 at the Special Congress of the OUN he was elected head of the Direction of the OUN and Supreme Commander of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army known as UPA.

But the first detachments were fighting against Polish peasants in territory that had belonged to Warsaw up until 1939. This became known as the 'Volyn Massacre'. UPA detachments killed about 100,000 Poles and another 300,000 made refugees as a result of the ethnic cleansing. July 11 is recognized as a 'National Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Genocide of Polish Citizens by Ukrainian Nationalists', which Ukraine has refused to apologize for it's past as of 2022 as even Japan did concern Korean woman. The Bandera dream of a Ukrainian Independent state turned to ethnical cleansing.

The Polish Association of Memory of Victims of Crimes of Ukrainian Nationalists documented 135 methods of torture and murder were practiced by Ukrainian nationalists.

Poland officially called the Ukrainian actions genocide.⁶ The Ukrainians have been unprecedented in their war crimes and sheer outright cruelty one would expect only in a horror movie. This included:

⁶ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/enlargement/news/poland-votes-that-wwii-massacre-by-ukraine-was-genocide/>

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- Running children through with stakes
- Cutting a person's throat and pulling their tongue out through the hole
- Sawing a person's torso in half with a carpenter's saw
- Cutting open the belly of a woman in an advanced stage of pregnancy, removing the fetus, and replacing it with a live cat, before sewing up her abdomen.
- Cutting open a pregnant women's abdomen and pouring in broken glass
- Nailing a small child to a door.

According to Polish historians, even the Germans were horrified at the torture of the Polish by the Ukrainian Nationalists and began to protect the Poles. These Ukrainian Nationalists then turned-on Russians. Even after the war, the nationalists killed their own fellow villagers who had cooperated with the Soviets.

According to Ukrainian historian and former UPA soldier Lev Shankovsky (1903–1995), immediately upon assuming the position of commander of UPA Roman Shukhevych issued an order banning participation in anti-Jewish activities, but no written record of this order has been discovered. Shukhevich is also said to have issued an order according to A. S Chaikovsky in his book *Nevidoma viina*:



Volyn Massacre - Corpses of Polish victims March 26, 1943

"The OUN should act so that all those who recognized the Soviet government are destroyed. Not intimidated, but physically destroyed! Do not be afraid that people will curse us for cruelty. Let half of the 40 million Ukrainian population remain – there is nothing terrible in this."

(Tchaikovsky A., Nevidoma viina, K., 1994, p. 224).

Stephan Bandera's Nationalist views extended to ethnic cleansing of all non-Ukrainians which were Jews, Poles, and Russians. These are now the very people the West supports in this proxy war against Russia. From May 1941, Bandera was organizing his dream of a pure Ukrainian state. In late 1942, when Bandera was in a German concentration camp before his release in April 1944 to attack Russians for the Nazis, his organization, the OUN carried out the Volyn Massacre of Poles. Then in early 1944, Bandera's ethnic cleansing to purify Ukraine turned on Eastern Galicia where they killed more than 35,000 and up to 60,000 ethnic Russians.

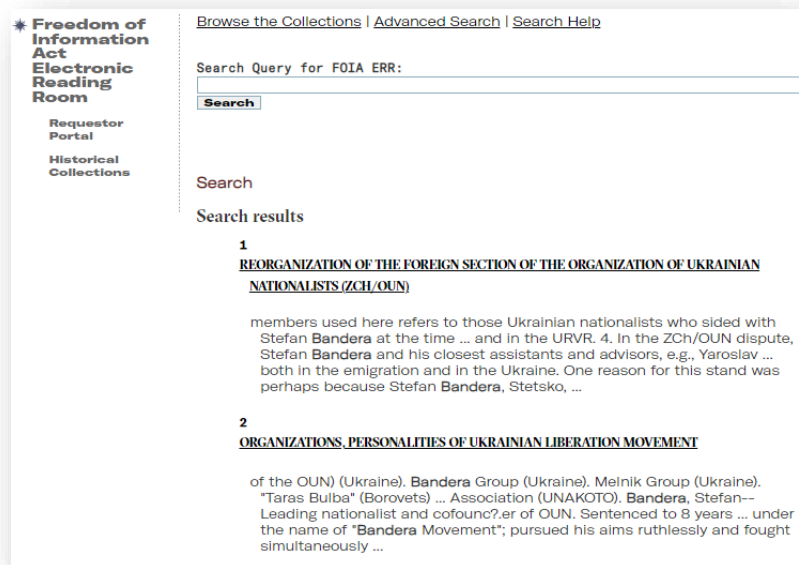


Stepan Bandera poster Kiev Feb 10, 2014

Posters with Bandera's call for an ethnic pure Ukraine void of Russians appeared also in Maidan where the protest lasted from November 21st, 2013 until February 14th, 2014. Where Yanukovych passed the two-language law recognizing Ukrainian and Russian as official languages, post-Maidan Revolution Zelensky repealed that and enacted only the Ukrainian Language law keeping in the spirit of Bandera's purity of Ukraine.

Even the CIA Freedom of Information site has reports on the activity of Bandera. They even concede that Bandera "pursued his aims ruthlessly and fought simultaneously against the Soviets, Poles, and Germans."⁷ Still, since the Bandera movement was also anti-Russian, they were never prosecuted alongside of the German Nazis at Nuremberg despite their war crimes of the Ukrainians that horrified the Germans for their cruelty.

One man extensively quoted is Moshe Maltz, a Jew living in Sokal, a town about 85 kilometers north of Lviv: "When the Bandera gangs seize a Jew, they consider it a prize catch. The ordinary Ukrainians feel the same way... they all want to participate in the heroic (sic) act of killing a Jew. They literally slash Jews to pieces with their machetes."



⁷ <https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/document/cia-rdp80-00809a000600330323-6>



The Ukrainian Nazis executed up to 200,000 Jews but were indeed exempted from any prosecution. Documents have surfaced that were

previously classified that showed that the CIA protected the Ukrainian Nazis. Yet the British MI6 was the main agency using the Nazis despite the warning of the CIA. The Independent reported⁸:

"Declassified CIA files have revealed that US intelligence officials went to great lengths to protect a Ukrainian fascist leader and suspected Nazi collaborator from prosecution after the Second World War and used him to stir up trouble inside the Soviet Union from an office in New York.

Mykola Lebed led an underground movement to undermine the Kremlin and wage guerrilla operations for the CIA during the Cold War, said a report prepared by two scholars under the supervision of the US National Archives. During the Second World War, Lebed helped to lead a Ukrainian nationalist organization that collaborated with the Nazis in the murder of the Jews of the western Ukraine and also killed thousands of Poles. The report details post-war efforts by US intelligence officials to throw the federal government's Nazi hunters off his trail and to ignore or obscure his past.

The report, titled Hitler's Shadow: Nazi War Criminals, US Intelligence, and the Cold War, draws from an unprecedented trove of records that the CIA was persuaded to declassify, and from more than a million digitised army intelligence files that had long been inaccessible. Among other things, the authors say, the files also show that US intelligence officials used and protected ex-Nazis during the Cold War to a greater extent than previously known.

Elizabeth Holtzman, a former Democratic congresswoman from New York who fought for the disclosure of Nazi files, welcomed the release. "This is a difficult, and in some respects shameful, chapter in American history," she said. "It was not known to the public, and I think it's a mark of governmental courage and of national courage to take this era and these documents and say, 'We want to learn the truth about what our government did', and to do it in a way that was professional and serious."

⁸ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/revealed-how-the-cia-protected-nazi-murderers-2158071.html>

In 1949 the U.S. government brought Mykola Lebed to New York City, where he was safe from assassination. Through his CIA-funded organization, Prolog, he gathered intelligence on the Soviets into at least the late 1960s. In 1991, he was still considered a valuable asset to the agency according to internal reports. Lebed was eventually identified by federal investigators as a possible war criminal but was never prosecuted only because he killed Russians. He died in 1998.



Mykola Lebed
(1909 – 1998)

One of the report's chapters deals with how the Americans used Gestapo officers, including Rudolf Mildner, after the war. Mildner oversaw security in Denmark in 1943 when most of the country's 8,000 Jews were ordered to be arrested and deported to Auschwitz – though they were rescued after Danish resistance leaders were tipped off. The U.S. army detained Mildner and saved him from war crimes investigators because his knowledge of Communist subversion was considered useful. The anti-Russia Ukrainian Nazis were always protected and now are pushing the world into war.

Nazi hunters and lawmakers have long raised questions about the U.S. government's involvement with war criminals during the Cold War. Between 1945

and 1955 alone, more than 500 scientists and other specialists with Nazi ties were brought to the U.S., and went on to play major roles in such fields as missile development and the space program.

Indeed, as soon as the Yanukovych government was overthrown, on April 14th, 2014, the new government in Kyiv sent troops to invade the Donbas which opposed the

Revolution beginning the Civil War and once more to ethnically cleanse Ukraine of all Russians.

Ukraine to launch effort to resist Russians

By Peter Leonard
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SLOVYANSK, Ukraine — Ukraine is launching an anti-terrorist operation to resist attacks by armed pro-Russian forces, Ukraine's President Oleksandr Turchynov said Sunday in a televised address. The authorities in Kiev will

use the army to prevent Russian troops from moving in as they did in Crimea, Turchynov said. He pledged amnesty to anyone laying down weapons by this morning.

"We're not going to allow Russia to repeat the Crimean scenario in Ukraine's east," he said.

Russia's Foreign Ministry dismissed Turchynov's decree and accused Ukrainian officials of using radical neo-Nazi forces.

Ukrainian special forces exchanged gunfire with a pro-Russia militia outside Slovyansk, an eastern city, on Sunday. At least one security officer was killed and five others wounded. It was the first reported gunfight in eastern Ukraine, where armed pro-Russia men have seized government buildings.

Unrest has spread to sever-

al municipalities in eastern Ukraine, including the major industrial city Donetsk, which has a large Russian-speaking population. Donetsk was the support base for Viktor Yanukovych, the Ukrainian president who was ousted in February following months of protests in Kiev that were ignited by his decision to back away from closer relations with the European Union and turn toward Russia. Ethnic Russians in Ukraine's east widely fear that the new pro-Western Ukrainian government will suppress them.

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They were indeed the Anti-Terrorist Operation, or ATO encouraged by the United States' Neocons. These were the elite Ukrainian neo-Nazis who were on board with the ethnic cleansing of pure-blooded Ukrainians only.

Then on Tuesday, August 20th, 2014, a U.S. army veteran named Mark Paslawsky was reported killed during a battle in Ilovysk, near Donetsk. He was part of Kyiv's Anti-Terrorist Operation to attack ethnic Russian-Ukrainians. He volunteered on the side of pro-Kyiv forces. He became prominent because of his Twitter feed (@BruceSpringnote). He was alleged to have been very anti-Russian.



Mark Paslawsky

The 55-year-old West Point graduate, was also alleged to be the nephew of Mykola Lebed who was taken to the United States and protected from the Nazi hunters. The New York Times published his obituary, "An American Voice on Ukraine's Front Lines Goes Silent."⁹ It appears that perhaps hating Russians just ran in the family.

⁹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/21/world/europe/an-american-voice-on-ukraines-front-lines-goes-silent.html>

Redrawing Borders



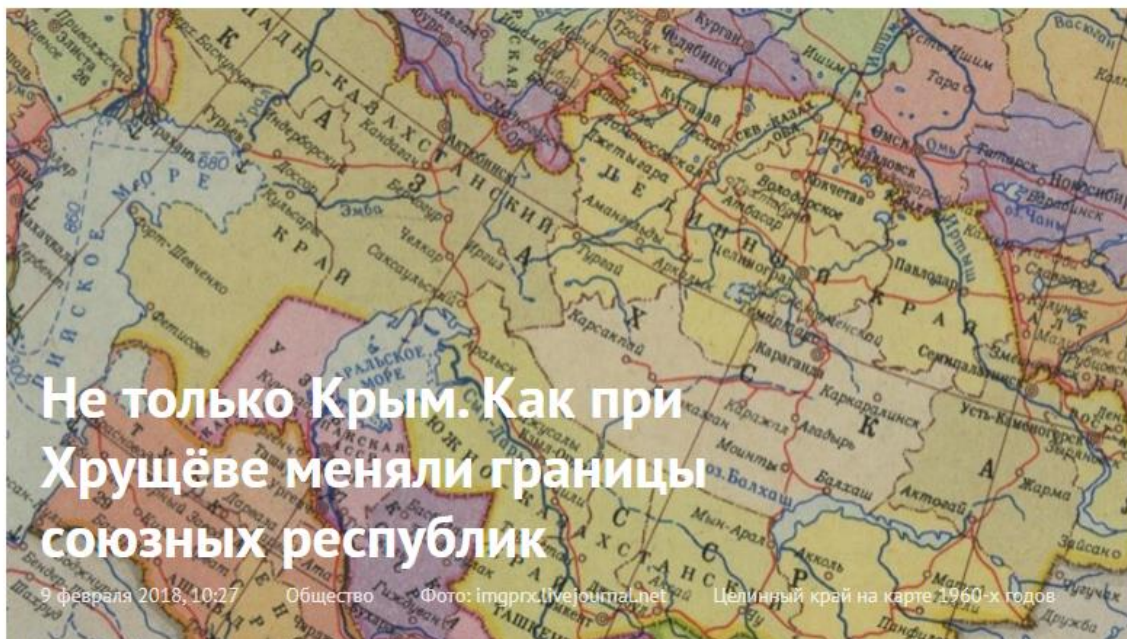
Nikita Khrushchev
(1894–1971)
Khrushchev famous remark 'We will bury you'

Ever since the sanctions were imposed on Russia for taking back Crimea in 2014 which has changed hands more times than in a Volley-Ball game, the world has been in turmoil over the question of what is even the true border of Ukraine. Others wonder if Nikita Khrushchev (1894–1971) regarded himself as a Ukrainian and is that why he redrew the boarder of Ukraine? But Leonid Brezhnev (1906–1982) was also born in what is now Kamianske, Ukraine. Even Gorbachev was from the village of Privolnoye, Stavropol Krai, which was divided almost evenly between ethnic Russians and ethnic Ukrainians. So, Ukraine has been an integral part of Russia and was the first to move to break the USSR in 1991.

Serious non-biased historians are beginning to focus on the fact that Moscow at various times and for various reasons engaged in redrawing the borders which has raised the question of how just how legitimate the current borders of Ukraine are to justify entire world going to war. Many wrongly assume that Khrushchev's moves on assigning Crimea to Ukraine was extraordinary, may be surprised to realize that the Soviet leader wanted to take part of Kazakhstan and transfer it to Uzbekistan and transfer another part of Kazakhstan to Azerbaijan (or possibly Turkmenistan). For whatever reason, he liked to play with borders.



Leonid I. Brezhnev
(1906 – 1982)
*Chairman of the Supreme Soviet (1960–1964, 1977–1982)
(born in Kamianske, Ukraine)*



Социолог Алексей Рощин приводит воспоминания партийных функционеров из Казахстана о том, как в годы правления Никиты Хрущёва хотели радикально перекроить и границы их республики. В частности, богатый нефтью Мангышлакский полуостров едва не ушёл в состав... расположенного за морем Азербайджана.

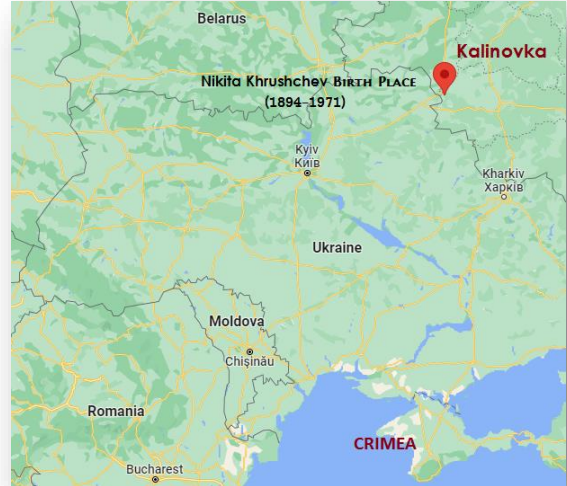
Even in Russia there has been questions about what are the real borders. Sociologist Aleksey Roshchin's blog post published in Novyye izvestiya¹⁰ (sapojnik.livejournal.com/2557930.html) draws on a Kazakh article on borders in Khrushchev's time (inkaraganda.kz/articles/108697). The article entitled "Not Only Crimea: How under Khrushchev the Borders of the Union Republics were Changed," the Novyye izvestiya noted that Roshchin uncovered interesting material from Kazakhstan according to which the Soviet leader wanted to transfer Kazakhstan's Magushlak peninsula into Azerbaijan.

¹⁰ newizw.ru/news/society/09-02-2018/ne-tolko-krym-kak-pri-hruschyove-menyali-granitsy-soyuznyh-respublik

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In the mid-1950s, Roshchin says Kazakh sources say, Khrushchev was prepared to make these shifts but was blocked only by the resistance of senior Kazakh officials in general and Zhumabek Tashenev (1915–1986), who was the head of the presidium of the Kazakh SSR Supreme Soviet and then prime minister of that republic. They objected warning that this would be a mistake yet Khrushchev ignored their warnings. In 1956, Khrushchev transferred 418,000 hectares of land from Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan.

One of the dark secrets Ukrainians prefer not to remember is that Khrushchev who was born in Kalinovka in a rural locality in Khomutovsky District of Kursk Oblast, today Russia, is located about 11 kilometers east of the border with Ukraine which he drew. While Nikita Khrushchev led the Soviet Union from 1958 to 1964, he was biased and maintained a close relationship with Ukraine because that is where he grew up.



Nikita spent much of his life working in the Donbas region of Ukraine. After World War II, he was appointed Secretary of the Communist Party of Ukraine and played a pivotal role in rebuilding Kyiv, which had been heavily bombed by the Germans. Khrushchev actually restored Kyiv after World War II. He considered that was his home.

At the time of Nikita's birth, there was no Ukraine. It was all just Southern Russia, which says a lot with respect to those who believe that Khrushchev regarded himself as part of that region which today is Ukraine. He did effectively grow up in the Donbas.

When he became the head of the Soviet Union, the very first border change that he made was to assign Crimea to Kyiv to be part of that administration which he rebuilt postwar in 1954. Ukraine independence did not come until 1917 briefly during the civil war.

Dismembered Russia—Some of the Fragments



OUT of the chaos into which Russia fell after the revolution of last March a new nation now emerges—the Ukrainian People's Republic.

By the terms of the treaty of peace with the Central Powers, the Ukraine gets no Austro-Hungarian territory, but the Teutons turn over to it a strip (the cross-hatched area on the map) of what was before Russian Poland. This strip, together with the rest of the shaded area of the map, shows the new Ukrainian Republic on the basis of the extreme claims of the Ukrainians when they seceded from Russia.

The Crimea, according to the most re-

cent news, is not included in the new Ukrainian State, nor is Bessarabia, whence came news a few days ago of the occupation of the principal Bessarabian city, Kishinev, by Rumanian troops, which followed other dispatches telling of the creation of a Bessarabian republic.

North of the Ukraine are shown the three subdivisions of Poland—Austrian, Russian, and German. Russian Poland is occupied in its entirety by the Teuton invaders, as will be seen by reference to the heavy black line denoting the extreme point reached in the eastward advance

of the Teutonic armies. The Central Powers also hold Lithuania, Courland, and part of Estonia, including the great Baltic port of Riga, all of which the spokesman of the Bolshevik Government, Trotsky, declared must be evacuated by the invaders. But the sudden peace made by the Bolsheviks with the Teutons at Brest-Litovsk last Sunday apparently leaves the Teutons in complete possession of these districts for the present.

North of this territory lies Finland, which, like the Ukraine, has declared its independence of Russia and is also in bloody conflict with the Bolsheviks, who assert their right to control in spite of

the declaration. Conflicting reports have come from Finland recently, the latest showing that the Finnish troops are apparently overcoming the Bolsheviks.

Though Finland may assume great importance in the near future, first place among Russian territories in the limelight just now goes to the Ukraine. The new republic, if it succeeds in getting control over all the territory claimed by the champions of the Ukrainian race, will cover 850,000 square kilometers, an area one and a half times as large as the German Empire, with a population of 28,000,000.

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Here is a map from the New York Times, February 17th, 1918. It speaks that the Ukrainians were hopeful of creating a state. Note that Crimea and the southern coast was not included in Ukraine at that time. This was the first image of an independent Ukraine.

During the Russian Civil War, Ukraine also stages a revolution from 1917–1921 where it briefly established its independence and began to issue its first currency. The creation of the national currency was of a chief objective for it was also the symbol



Ukraine 1917 (100 Karbovanets banknote)

of independence which was the first time Ukraine could emerge as a nation state. On December 22nd, 1917, the Central Council established Ukraine's state bank. Mykhailo Kryvetskyi (1866–1934) was appointed to the director of the bank and he signed the first banknote (100 karbovanets banknote). This became the currency of the Ukrainian People's Republic on January

5th, 1918. It was backed by gold where one karbovanet equaled 0.767 grams of gold.

The design of the 100 karbovanets banknote incorporated the symbol of the Khazar-inspired trident the call the Tryzub which was a revival of the gold and silver coins minted by Vladimir I Sviatoslavich the Great (c. 958–1015) Volodymyr the Great.

However, the attempt to create a gold back currency collapsed in a matter of weeks. The monetary system could not be sustained and these notes, a symbol of Ukrainian independence and commemorated on currency in 2017, did not last very long indeed.



Vladimir Sviatoslavich (978–1015AD) (3.5 grams)
А СТОЛѢ А СЕ ЕГО СРЕБРО ("Vladimir is on the throne and this is his silver")

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On March 1st, 1918 as the gold standard collapsed, that is when the Central Council introduced a new currency, the hryvnia, which consisted of 100 shahs and equaled 1/2 of a previously issued by the government Ukrainian karbovanets.



The following month, in April 1918, Hetman Pavlo Skoropadsky (1873–1945) reintroduced the karbovanets as the main currency of Ukraine. It consisted of 200 shahs. Banknotes of 10, 25, 50, 100, 250 and 1,000 karbovanets were issued. However, these were not backed by gold.

It is also important to understand that during the Russian Civil War between 1917 and 1922, Crimea was a stronghold of the anti-Bolshevik White Army which were NOT Ukrainian. Then in 1920, about 50,000 White Army POWs and civilians were butchered and following the Civil War, the Crimea became an Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic (ASSR) within the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic. Following World War II, the Crimean ASSR was abolished and transferred to the Russian SFSR as a province called the Crimean Oblast.

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In 1954, not long after Nikita Khrushchev became General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, he believed he was a Southern Russian/Ukrainian, and then one of the very first things he did was to transfer the Crimean Oblast to the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

This has long stood as the contrast between the hatred of Russians inspired by Bandera whereas the Russian view was the those who called themselves Ukrainian were brothers. The stark difference has remained as this Bandera movement has engulfed Ukraine even behind closed doors. It was certainly fueled by Stalin's confiscation of food from Ukraine to pretend the Communism was working instead being a complete disaster.

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Following a referendum in 1991, Crimea was then upgraded back to an Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic within the borders of the Ukrainian SSR. Indeed, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Crimea then became the Autonomous Republic of Crimea but within the borders of the newly independent Ukraine. It continued to house the Russian Black Sea Fleet. Thus, Crimea was formerly separate from Ukraine.

As the result of the 2014 Ukrainian Maidan Revolution, subsequently the setting up of a new government in Kyiv which was anti-Russian, set off clashes erupting as Crimea was pro-Russian since the people were ethnically Russian and spoke Russian – not Ukrainian. Pictures of Maidan showed Ukrainian flags mixed with the Bandera red and black flags of the neo-Nazis.



On March 1st, 2014 the Russian Parliament gave the President Vladimir Putin the authority to use force in the Crimea and Russian forces demanded the surrender of Ukraine forces in Crimea by March 4th, 2014. Not a single shot was fired at anyone. The Ukrainian military simply packed their bags and left.

Russia's policy has been pretty well much the same for the past 200 years or so. Although the Crimean War of the 1850s was about the "Eastern Question" as to what happened to the land following the Ottoman Empire collapsed, which once held Crimea.

With the 2014 Ukrainian Revolution and the anti-Russian political force coming to power, Russia took the position that it had military assets to protect and its Russian population when Ukraine itself was in what amounted to a state of political chaos.

The question of borders never seems to be about the people. In 1960, Khrushchev created the Tselina Kray out of Akmolinsk, Kostanay, Kokshetau, Pavlodar and North Kazakhstan oblasts. According to Roshchin, "the only individual brave enough to speak openly against this was Zhumabek Tashenev (1915–1986) who said if Moscow went ahead, Kazakhstan would defend its constitutional rights in

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international forums." Khrushchev was angered and pointed out that "the Soviet Union is a single country and therefore what territories are to be given to whom is a decision of the USSR Supreme Soviet" which of course was the difference between Lenin who saw it as independent states together v Stalin's view of one supreme USSR. Khrushchev won. That new Tselina Kray was disbanded only after Khrushchev was ousted from power in 1964. This illustrated the disagreement with Stalin's vision of the USSR was one country by sheer force of arms not so different from Zelensky and the neo-Nazi Ukrainians.

I once said, 'We will bury you,'
and I got into trouble with it.
Of course we will not bury you
with a shovel. Your own
working class will bury you.



Nikita Khrushchev
(1894 – 1971)

It was on November 26th, 1956, at the reception attending western diplomats, when Khrushchev, who seemed always itching for a fight, which even his son admitted, bluntly said:

"You say we want war, but you have now got yourselves into a position I would call idiotic." He continued: "But we don't want to profit from it. If you withdraw your troops from Germany, France and Britain – I'm speaking of American troops – we will not stay one day in Poland. Hungary and Romania."

Khrushchev had begun his speech claiming that "we are Bolsheviks" and said that "whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you!" Those words defined the cold war forever thereafter.



Khrushchev in 1962 transferred Kazakhstan's Mangyshlak peninsula, a major oil-producing region, to Azerbaijan or others say Turkmenistan because both of these republics had long experience in the petroleum business. That was blocked by Aleksey Kosygin (1904–1980), then first deputy chairman of the presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

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It was also at this time in 1962 when the Cuban Missile Crisis of October was a direct and dangerous confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. It was the moment when the two superpowers came the closest to nuclear conflict before Ukraine. Kennedy and Khrushchev, and their advisers, struggled desperately throughout the crisis to clearly understand each other's true intentions. Yet, in the end, to prevent this from happening again, a direct telephone link between the White House and the Kremlin was established; it became known as the "Hotline." The movie *The Courier* is about the true story of Greville Wynne (1919–1990), a British businessman, who had smuggled vital information about the Cuban Missiles from the Russian Oleg V. Penkovsky (1919–1963) who was deeply concerned about Khrushchev, who seemed to have an inherent desire for confrontation perhaps growing up in Ukraine.



While Kennedy kept his cool, Nixon, on the other hand, did lose his cool and not just raised his index finger but was poking Khrushchev's chest. In a bar, that is what they say are fighting words or actions. Whether Nixon lost his cool or this was a deliberate attempt at intimidation is hard to say. However, Khrushchev is closing his eyelids at that moment which is clearly trying to psychologically block Nixon and ignore him thus denying him



that exercise of intimidating power. It was Nixon who then went to China to open relations and divide the two superpowers. Nixon's visit to China was of particular significance for the U.S. had refused to recognize the Communist government and continued to recognize the rebels in Taiwan as the real Chinese government.



In 1964, Khrushchev was removed for what his opponents and successors described as “hare-brained scheming” which included the Cuban Missile Crisis. At least part of that charge was based on his efforts to redraw borders, a matter of history that certainly has some potential contemporary applications.

Ever since, the question over what was Ukraine and should the simple borders drawn by Khrushchev remain in place when they were abandoned elsewhere irrespective of the ethnicity and desires of the people themselves? When does politics yield to the wishes of the people? It appears that the West screams this is about Democracy v Authoritarianism is just propaganda for if this was truly about Democracy, then let the people on the Donbas decide not politicians in Washington and Kyiv.

This is not about letting the people decide. The insistence of Kyiv to simply refuse to allow free elections or the people in the Donbas to leave Ukraine when in fact the prevailing hatred of Russians dominates the politics of Ukraine makes little sense.





Minsk II on July 10th, 2015, held out hope that Ukraine could be headed for peace, per an agreement by Russian, Ukrainian, French and German leaders signed in Minsk, Belarus. The leaders present were Alexander Lukashenko (born 1954) of Belarus, Vladimir Putin (born 1952) of Russia, Angela Merkel (born 1954) of Germany, François Hollande (born 1954) of France and Petro Poroshenko (born 1965) the fifth president of Ukraine who was pro-war.

In 1959 Ukraine had 840,000 Jews, a decrease of almost 70% from 1941 totals (within Ukraine's current borders). Post-1991 and the collapse of the Soviet Union, the majority of the Jews who remained in Ukraine in 1989 left the country migrating to Israel leaving everything else behind. This was the net effect of the Bandera's Movement and the hatred of anyone not pure blood Ukrainian like Hitler's Arian Race.

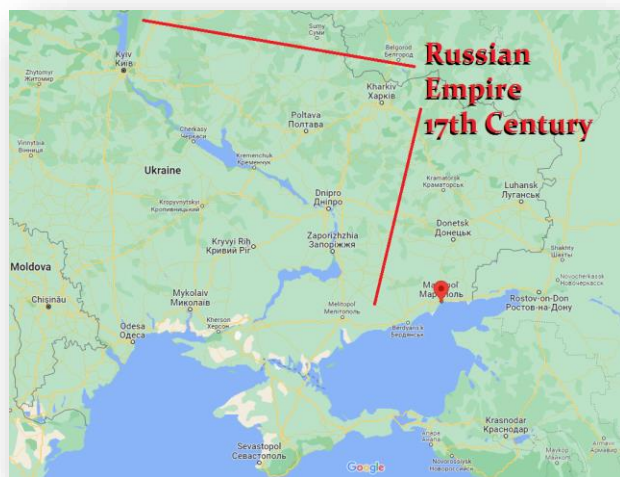
Both Germany and France were part of creating those negotiations becoming the **Minsk II Agreement**. The Donbas was to be allowed to vote and to separate as independent republics on their own since they were not part of the Maidan Revolution and they were ethnically not acceptable to the neo-Nazi movement in Ukraine. This has been ignored totally for it does not support the propaganda of war. Zelensky, the sixth president of Ukraine who ran on a peace promise, has refused to honor the Minsk II agreement.

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As mentioned, our computer warned back in 2013 that Ukraine would be the place where World War III would begin. I warned that the **ONLY** way to prevent that outcome was to divide Ukraine based on the language. While the propaganda is that Kyiv is fighting for freedom and democracy, they have denied democracy to Russian speaking Ukrainians in the Donbas who did not take part in the Maidan Revolution. The hatred of ethnic Ukrainian Russians in the East is well documented. It stems from the period of Bandera and Stalin' starving of 7 million

Ukrainians to pretend that Communism was working (see film **Mr. Jones**). The fact that Stalin was not Russian but a Georgian has been lost in the pages of history.



The Dniro River was the border between the old Russian Empire and Ukraine. The East of that river was **NEVER** Ukrainian territory nor ethnically. It was assigned to Kyiv under the USSR for administrative purposes only. Crimea was always Russian and was merely assigned to

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Kyiv in 1954 under the USSR by Khrushchev, which was later declared illegal by the Duma as was most of his border manipulations.

Even in 1964, Crimea acted largely independent and issued a gold medal honoring Palmiro Michele Nicola Togliatti (1893–1964) who was the General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party. Even the city of Stavropol was renamed Tolyatti in his honor. There were never any Ukrainian coins minted in Crimea.



CRIMEA, RUSSIA, USSR
Gold Medal issued in honor of the passing of
Palmiro Togliatti (1893-1964) on August 21, 1964 who was the
General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party where the city
of Stavropol was renamed to Tolyatti after his passing

Nevertheless, we are to throw the entire world into World War III over this nonsense only because it serves the objectives of the Neocons and their proxy war against Russia and the economic dreams of Klaus Schwab and his World Economic Forum for what amounts to ethnic cleansing and a territorial land-grab driven by Ukrainian neo-Nazis.

Ukrainian Nationalism & the Push to End the Soviet Union



Vladimir A. Ivashko
(1932 – 1994)

It was Ukraine that played the key role in the collapse of the Soviet Union. On June 28th, 1990, the Ukrainian SSR Supreme Council began discussing state sovereignty for Ukraine. In the process, the deputies were informed about the Ukrainian high-profile politician, Volodymyr Ivashko (1932–1994), resigned as head of the Ukrainian Supreme Council. President Mikhail Gorbachev (1990–1991) understood the Ukrainian nationalists. He offered Ivashko a newly-created position of Deputy Secretary General of the Soviet Union Communist Party Secretary General.

President Gorbachev was trying to defuse the problem of Ukrainian nationalists who were agitating for independence. Ukrainian Nazis were never prosecuted and as such the movement was never discredited as was the case in Germany. Hence, being offered a position of Deputy Secretary General appeared more promising to Ivashko than the leader in a Ukrainian republican parliament that at its core were Bandera nationalist.

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Ivashko's political resignation shocked Ukrainian society. His resignation taking the position in Moscow demoralized the local communist majority in the Ukrainian parliament. In the end, it made it much easier for the nationalist opposition to pass a document that was quite radical for its time. They were to realize Bandera's



Leonid M. Kravchuk
(1934 – 2022)

First President of Ukraine

Acting: 24 August 24, 1991 – December 5, 1991

President December 5, 1991 – July 19, 1994

Dream – it established Ukraine's sovereignty. The first two states to declare independence was Ukraine and Belarus on December 10th, 1991.

On August 24th, 1991, just 48 hours after a coup attempt in Moscow when Boris Yeltsin (1931–2007) stood on the tank had been defeated, Leonid Kravchuk (1934–2022), the speaker of Ukraine's then Soviet-era parliament, scolded fellow MPs in the Ukraine Parliament for delaying the sole item on that day's legislative agenda, the declaration of independence. Thus, Leonid Kravchuk became acting president on August 24th, 1991 until December 5th, 1991 when he was formally elected president and served from December 5th, 1991 until July 19th, 1994.

On January 1st, 1991, the Soviet Union was the largest country in the world, covering some 8,650,000 square miles (22,400,000 square km). Its population had numbered more than 290 million, but the weak link was the fact that there were also 100 distinct nationalities living within its borders. Like the European Union, memories linger of old wars and different cultures. The idea of Empire had died the same as it did with the Empires before since ancient times right up to the British Empire. The United States differed for it was a brand-new region void of the memories of conflict and war. The U.S. Civil War was effectively over religion v State's Rights.





Mikhail S. Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa, impressed and charmed their British hosts in London. Associated Press

Gorbachev's wife also brings change

When Mikhail Gorbachev was named general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) on March 11th, 1985, he was confronted by a crumbling empire. Upon taking power in 1985, Gorbachev was confronted by the diversity of cultures the same problem that plagues the European Union today. He found civil unrest among different national groups within the Soviet Union where the old hatred remained. In December 1986, riots broke out in several Kazakh cities after a Russian was appointed head of

the region. Then in 1987, the Crimean Tatars were protesting in Moscow demanding resettlement in Crimea which had been their homeland since the days of the Mongol-Tatar Invasion of the 13th century. It was Stalin who deported them in 1944. The following year, what was emerging became known as the Soviet "nationality question." The idea of Empire forcing many cultures under one government was failing as it always does for, they focus only on territory – not humanity.

Gorbachev's primary domestic goals became to revitalize the failing Soviet economy as the empire was crumbling. He sought to streamline the authoritarian government bureaucracy which proved to be a formidable task. As he faced the impossibility of the challenge, Gorbachev instituted the policies of glasnost ("openness") and perestroika ("restructuring"). The first was intended to foster dialogue, while the latter introduced quasi free market policies to government-run industries.

Instead of revitalizing Communist theory, glasnost opened the doors to market forces and criticism of the entire Soviet apparatus. Gorbachev's attempt to decentralize the country's economy ultimately resulted in the downfall of the Soviet Union's domination of Eastern Europe in 1991. The forced system of merging diverse cultures and the idea of Communism preaching material equality for all led to the dehumanization of society.

There was the Geneva Summit, which became the first meeting between Mikhail Gorbachev as Soviet General Secretary and President Ronald Reagan held on November 19th and 20th, 1985. The two leaders met to discuss the Cold War-era arms race, primarily the possibility of reducing the number of nuclear weapons. But they spoke privately in a separate 54-minute news blackout where the reality of a collapsing empire was freely discussed. Of course, Ronald Reagan stood up in Berlin and made his famous speech on June 2nd, 1987: ***“Mr. Gorbachev. Tear down this wall”*** where a plaque now resides on the spot.



I myself had been invited to China to help them free the shackles of Communism. In my meeting, I saw what I did not expect that while the Chinese were monitoring everything, they were not inferring. What I was stunned by was the questions why one tea was selling for sharply higher prices in different parts of the country. I explained that there was at the first instance, transportation costs. Under communism, that same tea would sell for say \$1 everywhere even it cost \$10 to get it to the faraway places. This was the efficiency of material equality.

Gorbachev had become President of the Soviet Union on the Ides of March 1990 (March 15th, 1990) and as the warning to Julius Caesar, beware the Ides of March, they became fateful words to the Soviet Union as well.



In January 1990, Gorbachev who was at that time the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Privately he agreed to permit East German reunification with West Germany. However, he rejected the idea that a unified Germany could retain West Germany's NATO membership. His suggestion that

somehow, they were still divided with Germany retaining both NATO and Warsaw Pact memberships, really made no sense and was rejected.

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After Gorbachev became President of the Soviet Union, in May of 1990, he visited President George H. W. Bush (1924–2018; President 1989–1993) in the United States. It was there when they agreed that an independent Germany would have the right to choose its international alliances. The final agreement was that he consented to the reunification on the condition that NATO troops not be posted to the territory of Eastern Germany.



It was July of 1990 when the 28th Communist Party Congress took place and the hardliners attacked his reformists but Gorbachev was re-elected party leader with overwhelming support of 75% of the delegates. Nevertheless, he still sought to find a reasonable compromise. It became known as the "500 Days" program. This called for further decentralization and some privatization.

It was June 12th, 1991, when Boris N. Yeltsin (1931–2007) stood for election and won 57% of the popular vote in the democratic presidential election for the Russian Republic.



He actually defeated Gorbachev's preferred candidate, Nikolai Ryzhkov (born 1929), who received only 16% of the popular vote. Yeltsin actually criticized the "dictatorship of the center", yet he was not promoting a market economy. Yeltsin was still old-school communist and had no real concept of a free market economy at the time.

Yeltsin took office on July 10th, 1991. Then on August 18th, 1991, a coup against Gorbachev was launched by the government members opposed to Perestroika seeing that Gorbachev was weak. Understanding that a coup was

unfolding, Yeltsin raced to the residence of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow to defy the coup. Yeltsin who was then President of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, saw tens of thousands of protesters amassing outside it to prevent troops storming the building to arrest him. He did not know at that moment if Gorbachev was alive or dead.



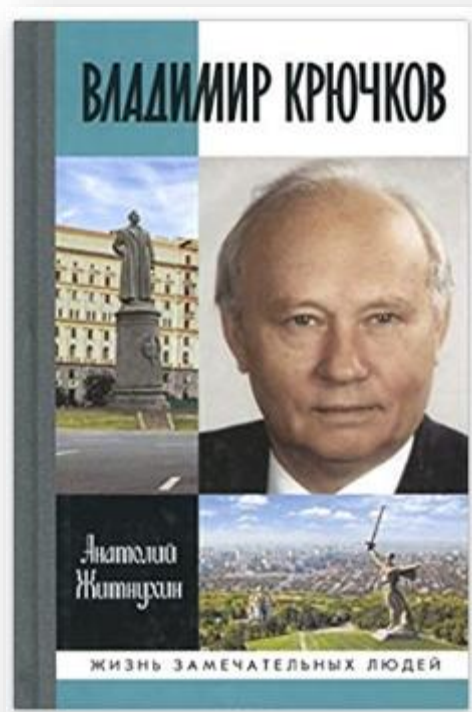
This is when Yeltsin made his memorable speech from atop the turret of a tank onto which he had climbed. The residence was surrounded by the military, but the troops defected in the face of mass popular demonstrations.

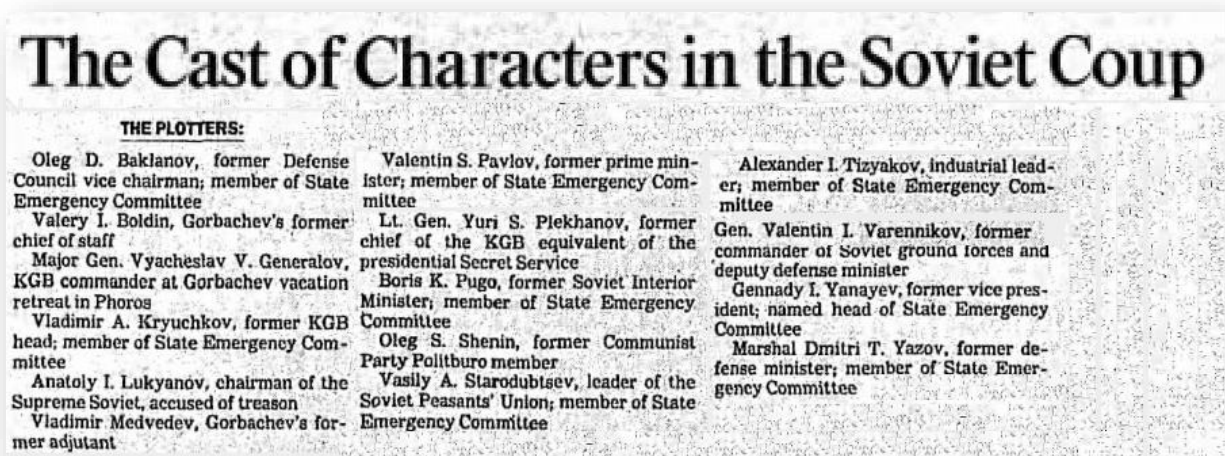
Vladimir Kryuchkov (1924–2007), former head of the KGB, in his memoirs conceded that he acted to prevent the death of a great power. Kryuchkov

was the initiator of creation of the State Committee on the State of Emergency which arrested President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The KGB plot began considering a coup in September 1990. On December 11th, 1990, Kryuchkov made a "call for order" over the Moscow Program television station. Soviet politician Alexander Yakovlev (1923–2005) began warning Gorbachev about the possibility of a coup coming from the KGB (America's equivalent of the CIA) following the 28th Party Congress in June 1990.

Vladimir Kryuchkov's two KGB officers to prepare for a state of emergency to be declared. Later, Kryuchkov brought Soviet Defense Minister Dmitry Yazov, Internal Affairs Minister Boris Pugo (1937–1991), Premier Valentin Pavlov (1937–2003), Vice President Gennady Yanayev (1937–2010), Soviet Defense Council deputy chief Oleg Baklanov (1932–2021), Gorbachev secretariat head Valery Boldin (1935–2006), and CPSU Central Committee Secretary Oleg Shenin (1937–2009) into his conspiracy to save Russia. Gorbachev knew there was turmoil, but he did not fully appreciate the extent. These men simply saw the end of a great empire in their view.





As to be expected, the Russian hardliners (Neocons) led by the KGB plotted a coup d'état in August 1991 when Gorbachev and his family were on holiday at their dacha, "Zarya" ('Dawn') in Foros, Crimea by Ukraine. Two weeks into his holiday, the group Russian Neocons (Gang of Eight) calling themselves the State Committee on the State of Emergency cut the phone lines to Gorbachev's dacha where 3 members and General Valentin I. Varennikov (1923–2009) informed him of the take-over.

The common theme that was offered to justify the coup was the collapse of the USSR which they saw as the dissolution of a great power. The eight members of the so-called State Emergency Committee were arrested. They were:

1. Gennady Yanayev, Soviet vice president; today is a pension fund consultant
2. Vladimir Kryuchkov, head of the KGB; has since written his memoirs
3. Dimitri Yazov, Soviet defense minister; now an advisor to an arms exporter
4. Valentin Pavlov, Soviet prime minister; today is a banker
5. Oleg Baklanov, of the Soviet Defense Council
6. Vasily Starodubtsev, member of the Soviet Parliament
7. Alexander Tizyakov, president of state enterprises, industrial construction, transport, and communications.
8. Minister of Interior, Boris Pugo.

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The coup leaders demanded that Gorbachev formally declare a state of emergency in the country. He refused to comply. The coup members kept Gorbachev and his family under house arrest in their dacha while telling the public that Gorbachev had taken ill and thus Vice President Yanayev was now in charge of the country. Indeed, for 3 days, the world held its breath.



Mikhail Gorbachev's dacha in Crimea

In Crimea, Gorbachev assumed that the coup plotters would order him and his family executed. He had his guards barricade his dacha as they remained loyal to him. With the people rising up and the military standing down, the coup's leaders realized that they lacked sufficient support. Their coup collapsed. The coup leaders, Vladimir Kryuchkov, Dmitry Yazov, Oleg Baklanov, Anatoly Lukyanov, and Vladimir Ivashko, on August 21st, 1991 arrived at Gorbachev's dacha in Crimea and informed him that the coup was ending.



By August 21st, most of the coup leaders had fled Moscow and Gorbachev was "rescued" from Crimea and then returned to Moscow where he thanked Yeltsin and the protesters for helping to undermine the coup. Yeltsin was subsequently hailed by his supporters around the world for rallying mass opposition to the coup.

Although restored to his position, Gorbachev's political standing had been devastated politically. He was seen as weak and the reason for the coup. He had lost respect. By September 1991, Gorbachev could no longer influence events outside of Moscow. Yeltsin had begun taking over what remained of the Soviet government ministry by ministry.

After the coup, on August 29th, 1991 Yeltsin had suspended all Communist Party activities. On November 6th, Yeltsin issued a decree banning all Communist Party activities in Russia. Yeltsin therefore shut down the Central Committee offices in Staraya Square. He then raised the imperial Russian tricolor flag alongside the



Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin
(1931 – 2007)
President of Russia
July 10, 1991 – December 31, 1999

Soviet flag at Red Square. From then on, the Soviet Union collapsed with dramatic speed.

To keep unity within the country, Gorbachev continued to pursue plans for a new union treaty where the Republics would retain sovereignty much along the lines as originally envisioned by Lenin with a central government. In truth, by the end of September 1991, Gorbachev had lost the ability to influence events outside of Moscow entirely.

Yeltsin stated that he would veto any idea of a unified state, instead favoring a confederation with little central authority. Only the leaders of Kazakhstan and Kirghizia supported Gorbachev's vision. The referendum in Ukraine on December 1st, 1991 with a 90% turnout for secession from the Union was a fatal blow. Gorbachev had expected

Ukrainians to reject independence given their historic nationalism.

However, Gorbachev found increasing opposition to the idea of a continued federal state as the leaders of various Soviet republics bowed to growing nationalist pressure. The nationalists in Ukraine had dominated the debate. Kravchuk had even pushed the Ukrainian parliament to declare independence. Ukrainian leader's push for separatism won the day. It was a near unanimous vote for independence. There were exuberant street celebrations and suddenly the Russian flag of Soviet Ukraine was hauled down from atop parliament, and the now familiar blue-and-yellow national flag of Ukraine was raised.

Thus, that fateful early days of December 1991 marked the end of the Soviet Union. Ukraine voted for independence and a week later, on December 8th, 1991, Yeltsin met Ukrainian president Leonid Kravchuk and the leader of Belarus, Stanislav Shushkevich, in Belovezhskaya Pushcha. It was there where they reached the Belavezha Accords. The three presidents declared that the Soviet Union would no longer exist in "geopolitical reality" and announced the formation of a voluntary Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in its place. Independence in Ukraine was the first to declare on December 10th and they were joined by Belarus.

As for the coup members, after the defeat of the scheme, Kryuchkov was imprisoned for his participation. Kryuchkov was replaced as chairman of the KGB by Vadim Bakatin (born 1937). He was eventually pardoned by the State Duma in 1994 since he was doing so for the nation rather than personal power.

Latvian iron fist for republics

THE interior minister, Boris Pugo, swept to prominence during the crisis in Lithuania. Only weeks after his appointment, General Pugo and the defence minister, Dmitri Yazov, signed a decree to deploy troops — later deemed unconstitutional.

He became interior minister last December, taking over from Vadim Bakatin, who was accused of not being tough enough with the republics. The KGB, which comes under his ministry, was given extra powers.

Gen Pugo is a party stalwart and a Latvian — giving piquancy to the battle fought out in Riga, the Latvian capital, in January between his

commando units and local police units. At least four people died. But Mr Gorbachev promoted him.

Before taking over the interior minister, Gen Pugo headed the party's control commission. After 18 months, he declared the party sick, "undermined from within by corruption, parochialism, bureaucracy, servility and lies".

Gen Pugo, aged 55, graduated in 1960 from Riga Polytechnical Institute and then rose in the Latvian party apparatus. His family returned there from Russia after the Soviet takeover in the war. He is thought to have joined the KGB in 1976, rising to become head of state security.



Boris Pugo

The eighth member of the August 1991 Coup, was the Latvian Interior Minister Boris Pugo. As the Minister of the Interior, he took measures to suppress opposition to the coup relying on the military which in the end did not follow his orders. After the coup had failed, Pugo committed suicide, anticipating arrest along with his wife.

In the final weeks of 1991, Boris Yeltsin began to take over the remnants of the Soviet government including the Kremlin itself. Gorbachev resigned as its General Secretary and called on the Central Committee to dissolve. At the following press conference, Gorbachev pledged to reform the Soviet Communist Party. However, two days later, Gorbachev resigned as its General Secretary and called on the Central Committee to dissolve.

Gorbachev to resign presidency today, Moscow reports say

From Herald Wire Services

MOSCOW — President Mikhail Gorbachev is expected to announce his resignation today at the final meeting of the parliament of the former Soviet Union, Radio Moscow reported Monday night.

The three Slavic republics that founded the new Commonwealth of Independent States declared the Soviet Union dead more than two weeks ago, but Gorbachev has insisted that only the nation's Supreme Soviet had the right to legally put an end to the state Lenin founded. He has called for a valedictory session of the parliament.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin, after meeting with Gorbachev for eight hours in the Kremlin Monday, apparently agreed that the parliament should meet one last time.

Aides to the Russian president

said Yeltsin and Gorbachev met to discuss the transfer of the Soviet president's powers, including control of an estimated 27,000 nuclear warheads, to Yeltsin.

Earlier, Yeltsin, in a conversation with President Bush, indicated that Gorbachev would resign by Wednesday, White House officials said.

Gorbachev also indicated Monday in a telephone conversation with British Prime Minister John Major that he intended to leave office no later than Wednesday. In the talk, he called on the West to assist Russia and other former Soviet republics in making the perilous transition to a free-market economy.

Soviet television kept open a communications channel all day to the



Mikhail Gorbachev reportedly has called the Soviet parliament together for a final time today to surrender power.

PLEASE SEE GORBACHEV, 8A

The Miami Herald - Miami, Florida - December 24, 1991

Mikhail Gorbachev announced on West's Christmas Day December 25th, 1991, that he was resigning as president of the Soviet Union. Just four days earlier, 11 of the former Soviet republics joined the new Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), effectively ending the Stalin's USSR. The Soviet Union, for all intents and purposes, had already ceased to exist. The Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), refused to join the CIS for they regarded the Soviet Union as an illegal occupation. Thus, Gorbachev was resigning from the USSR which no longer existed.

Gorbachev, in his farewell speech to the nation, indicated that the recent establishment of the CIS was the primary motive for his resignation. He said that he had no regrets but was "*concerned about the fact that the people in this country are ceasing to become citizens of a great power and the consequences may be very difficult for all of us to deal with.*"



Mikhail Gorbachev
Resigns December 25th, 1991

He at least spoke in a prideful manner with some bits of resentment. Nevertheless, Gorbachev stated that he stood on his record of achievement in the face of history. He said that he oversaw the Soviet Union's trip down the "road of democracy" and he moved the communist economy "toward the market economy." He declared that the Russian people were "living in a new world" in which an "end" to the "Cold War and to the arms race" was upon the nation. The American Neocons ignored those events as did NATO. They could not accept a world without enemies.

Ukrainian Nationalism Cloaked in Democracy



Leonid Makarovych Kravchuk (1934 – 2022)

As explained, it was Ukraine that played an instrumental role in dissolving the Soviet Union. Ukraine was the first to move to dissolve the USSR. Their decision to create instead the new Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in early December 1991 helped put the final nail in coffin of the Soviet Union and the political career of Mikhail Gorbachev.

Ukrainian Nationalists gained independence in 1991 fulfilling Bandera's dream of finally making Ukraine a nation state with the collapse of the Soviet Union (USSR). Leonid Kravchuk (1934–2022) was elected to be the country's first president. He served until 1994. Kravchuk, alongside leaders of Russia, Boris Yeltsin, and Belarus, also jointly signed an agreement formally dissolving the Soviet Union on December 8th, 1991. Then on February 25th, 1992, as the first President of Ukraine, Kravchuk issued Presidential decree changing in the political system of central bodies of executive power of Ukraine.

The Republic of Ukraine began issuing its own money in 1992. President Kravchuk met with President George H. W. Bush on a trip to the United States on May 6th, 1992 where he signed



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Crimea Ignores Warnings, Declares Its Sovereignty

■ **Europe:** The strategic peninsula is already a major bone of contention between Russia and Ukraine.

By JOHN THOR DAHLBURG
TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOSCOW—Hurling a bombshell into Russian-Ukrainian relations, lawmakers in the Russian-dominated Crimea on Tuesday proclaimed their Black Sea peninsula a separate republic, ignoring Ukrainian warnings that the act could kindle ethnic war.

The Crimea, transferred from Russian control to Ukraine 38 years ago, has become the major bone of contention between the two Slavic neighbors, who have argued heatedly for months over the status of the ex-Soviet Black Sea Fleet based there.

Last week, the Parliament in Kiev adopted a law proclaiming the peninsula a largely autonomous, yet integral, part of Ukraine. Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk, on a visit to the United States when the Crimean legislature reacted, had appealed to lawmakers to show "wisdom, tolerance and social responsibility."

"A majority of people in the Crimea voted for Ukraine's independence as a unitary state Dec. 1, 1991," Kravchuk recalled. "Therefore, I will never sit at the negotiating table with someone who wants to make the topic of such negotiations the possibility of dividing Ukraine's territory."

Russian nationalists, however, have been clamoring for the return of the land of 2.5 million people to Russia. The Ukrainian law passed April 29, although granting residents an unprecedented amount of self-government, did not placate many in the population, which is 70% Russian, who fear a "Ukrainization" of the peninsula.

Expressing "great concern and worry" over the deteriorating relations between Russia and Ukraine, Crimean lawmakers on Tuesday overwhelmingly adopted a declaration of "state autonomy of the Republic of the Crimea and creation of a sovereign state."

"This means complete independence from Ukraine. The Crimea is becoming a normal state," said Pavel B. Yevgrafov, head of the government legal department in the Crimea.

However, the word *independence* did not appear in the declaration, which instead used the vaguer term *autonomy*.

Ukrainian nationalists contend that the independence issue is a red herring anyway and that what the formerly Communist, largely conservative Crimean leadership really wants is to reunite the region of sun-dappled beaches and vineyards with Russia.

The deputies, meeting in the city of Simferopol, gave themselves a two-minute standing ovation after adopting the declaration 124 to 13, with 30 abstentions.

"Rapture, pure rapture. This is wonderful," Yuri Meshkov, leader of the predominantly ethnic Russian "Republican Movement of the Crimea," said enthusiastically.

The act is supposed to become binding when approved by the peninsula's citizens in a referendum planned for Aug. 2. According to a recent poll by a local newspaper, 46% of the people support independence, while 12% are

against and the rest undecided.

The Simferopol Parliament had convened to discuss the Ukrainian law on the Crimea, as well as a proposed constitution. But after stormy debate, deputies chose the more radical path of adopting the declaration. They also asked Ukrainian officials to open negotiations with them.

Reaction from Kravchuk in the United States was not immediately forthcoming, although there was speculation in Simferopol that he might dissolve the local Parliament and impose direct rule from Kiev. Other Ukrainian officials expressed sentiments ranging from nail-biting worry to outright rejection.

Vitaly Fesenko, a member of the Ukrainian Democratic Party in Simferopol and one of about 20 people inside the Crimean Parliament who publicly opposed passage of the act, said he and his allies were "pushed, shoved and threatened" by Meshkov's supporters.

Serhiy Holovaty, one of the few lawyers in the Ukrainian Parliament, said Crimean secession was only the first step in a deliberate policy to eat away at his country's territorial integrity.

"All this happened according to a planned scenario," said Ukrainian deputy Yuri Kostenko, a member of the commission on security and defense, in words that left no doubt that he was blaming Russia.

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin has said he considers the Crimea to be part of Ukraine, but during a recent visit to Sevastopol, home to the Black Sea Fleet, Russian Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi said Moscow was ready to recognize the Crimea as a separate country if its voters chose independence.

Ukrainian leaders, whose successful accession bid sealed the doom of the Soviet Union, contend that the Crimea cannot exist economically apart, ironically using the same argument they spurned when it was used to justify keeping the Soviet Union intact.

Ukrainian lawmaker Ihor Jukhnovskiy said the Crimea is totally dependent on Ukraine for steel and is provided with \$320 million worth of energy a year at prevailing world prices. "I feel sorry for the people of the Crimea" if they pursue secession, he said.

Russian nationalists charge that the 1954 "gift" of the Crimea—carried out under Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev to mark three centuries of union between Russia and Ukraine—was flagrantly illegal, and thus void.

For its part, Ukraine fears that if the Crimea is allowed to secede, other regions with large non-Ukrainian populations, such as the coal-rich eastern Donbass region, may follow.

Kravchuk has even warned that an independence drive could split the Crimea itself. Its five northern regions want to remain part of Ukraine, he has said, and a referendum on independence "would lead us on the tragic course toward disintegration of the Crimea."

Andrei Ostrozhuk, a reporter in The Times' Moscow bureau, and special correspondent Mary Mylo in Kiev contributed to this story.

an agreement authorizing the removal of all nuclear tactical weapons from Ukrainian territory by July 1st, 1992. Most people did not know but Ukraine at the time had more nuclear weapons than China. In return, Kravchuk obtained a credit line of \$110 million dollars to buy U.S. commodities to revitalize the economy. But this also led to the signing of the critical Budapest Agreement/Memorandum on December 5th, 1994. In it, Ukraine agreed to surrender all its nuclear weapons in return for security guarantees. NATO vowed not to enter Ukraine and Russia agreed provided Ukraine was to remain neutral.

Kravchuk, after establishing the new independence of Ukraine for the first time in more than a century, turned to the West. He adopted a pro-European stance developing trade and political relations with the West. In so doing, he also signed a cooperation accord with the European Union. Nevertheless, Kravchuk walked a fine line as Ukrainian Nationalists began to escalate of tensions with Ukrainian-Russians and any policy of cooperation with Moscow.

Finally, on July 2nd, 1993, the Ukrainian parliament approved the international system of an all-European security. Initially, Ukraine under Kravchuk, welcomed the idea of NATO enlargement.

President Kravchuk entertained the concept of joining the NATO Alliance. He declared that "the best guarantee to


Ukraine's security would be membership to NATO". This was actually appeasing the Ukrainian neo-Nazi nationalists.

There was the question of Crimea and what to do with the USSR Navy. In May 1992, Russia's Supreme Soviet voted to declare the Soviet government's 1954 grant of Crimea to Ukraine an illegal act. Ukraine opposed this decision, but was in effect nullifying Khrushchev's grant of Crimea to what he believed was his homeland – Ukraine. The Kravchuk government warned that this decree could lead to an "ethnic war" for the Ukrainian Nationalists demanded control of the territory. However, the 2.5 million people in Crimea at the time were at least 70% Russian.

The Crimean lawmakers overwhelmingly adopted a declaration of "state autonomy of the Republic of Crimea and creation of a sovereign state." While the act of secession of Ukraine ended the Soviet Union, the Ukrainian Nationalists were not about to allow the Russians of Crimea to separate from Ukraine. The old ethnic cleansing was once again resurfacing.

The status of the Russian Black Sea Fleet's presence in Sevastopol and the Crimea remained an open question which was never resolved. A 20-year lease agreement was in place until 1997, which turned out to be three years after Kravchuk left office.

President Bill Clinton (born 1946; 42nd Pres. 1993–2001) made it a top priority to support Ukraine's surrender of nuclear arms. He flew to Kiev with promises of support as reported by the LA Times on January 13th, 1994. Bill Clinton, Boris Yeltsin and Ukrainian President Kravchuk sign agreement promising that Ukraine would be secure if they would give up their Soviet nuclear weapons

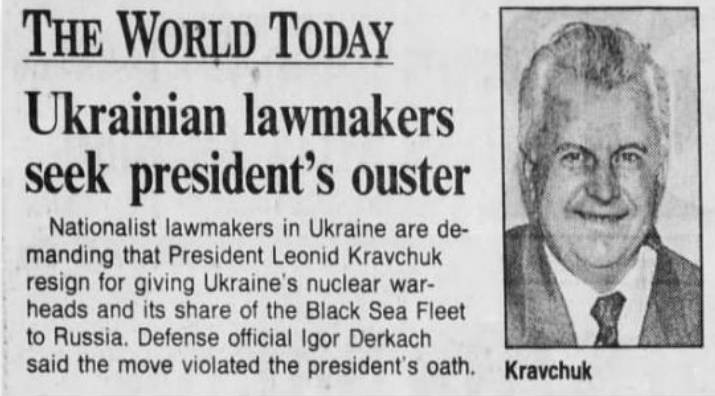


BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — President Clinton claimed "two giant steps" for global security Monday with a breakthrough agreement to dismantle Ukraine's nuclear arsenal and NATO approval of unprecedented cooperation with former foes in Eastern Europe.

Clinton called the Ukrainian agreement a "hopeful and historic" advance. And he also hailed the offer of greater cooperation with former Soviet bloc nations though some of them wanted more.

"It is time to begin welcoming these newcomers to our neighborhood," he said.

Associated Press - Corvallis Gazette-Times - Jan 11, 1994



The Springfield News-Leader, Springfield, Missouri - Sep 6th, 1993

Under Kravchuk's leadership, the economy of Ukraine declined because primarily the political corruption combined with the ruthless Nationalists who were reviving the very neo-Nazi philosophy of Ukrainian ethnic purity. Nobody understood even how to make a transition from a

communist world to a market economy. The nationalists blamed Kravchuk for surrendering all nuclear weapons and its share of the Black Sea Fleet.

After the collapse of the USSR in 1991, Ukraine inherited 176 strategic and more than 2,500 tactical nuclear missiles. Ukraine at that point had the third-largest arsenal of nuclear weapons in the world after the United States and Russia. It had more nuclear weapons than China.

Former Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk at the time later said his country had no control over nuclear weapons within its territory that the launch codes were controlled by Moscow.

The nationalists wanted the nuclear weapons to turn on Russia which was only about ethnic cleansing not economics. Kravchuk understood that they harbored pure ethnic hatred of Russians and that because the Ukrainian nationalists/neo-Nazis were never prosecuted as Nazis but protected by the CIA, meant that there was far more danger to retain the nuclear weapons. Obviously, nukes in the hands of Ukrainian Nazis who would use them on a first-strike without a second thought was far too dangerous for the entire world. On this score, Kravchuk knew the real threat to the future and it was internal.

Today, Ukraine has conveniently forgotten its security guarantee known as The Budapest Memorandum, was signed on December 5th, 1994 at the summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). In it, Ukraine, a nuclear power at that time, voluntarily gave up its nuclear weapons in exchange for security guarantees from Russia and the NATO in the West. This Memorandum concerning the 1994 Ukraine security guarantee was known only by security experts and some politicians.

However, Clinton and Yeltsin clashed over the NATO expansion issue. Yeltsin warned Clinton that if NATO moved east, there was a risk that *"Europe, not having yet freed itself from the heritage of the Cold War, is in danger of plunging into a cold peace."* He continued: *"Why sow the seeds of mistrust? After all, we are no longer enemies. We are all partners"* as reported by the Boston Globe. Indeed, it did not matter that the days of Communism were over. Russia was no longer trying to infect the world with Marxism. That did not matter. The bitter hatred of the Russian people still lingered not just among the neo-Nazi Ukrainians, but in the hallways of Washington and Brussels. The past was not to be forgotten.

The U.S., Great Britain and Russia welcomed the decision of the Kyiv regime to accede to the non-proliferation agreement. The Soviet Union, Belarus and Kazakhstan signed similar memoranda on the same day.

Hence, as was the case in Russia, the corruption was clearly linked to privatization of Soviet-era industry and the lack of understanding a market economy. Ukraine's economic spiral downward was caused by a decline in Kravchuk's political popularity at the hands of the nationalists whereby people simply did not trust his decisions. Hence, these conflicts led to governmental infighting and rising political tension. This exploded on June 17th, 1993 when the Ukrainian parliament voted to hold a referendum on September 26th which was a motion of no confidence against Kravchuk. The referendum was cancelled two days before

A6 — The Post-Star, Glens Falls, N.Y. Tuesday, December 6, 1994

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President Bill Clinton, right, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin look at each other after the signing ceremony for the Non-Proliferation Treaty in the Budapest Convention Center on Monday.

Clinton, Yeltsin clash over NATO expansion

By Elizabeth Neuffer
Boston Globe

BUDAPEST, Hungary — President Boris Yeltsin of Russia, heightening the tensions around plans to expand NATO, Monday warned President Clinton and European leaders against plunging the post-Cold War continent into a new "cold peace."

Yeltsin, addressing the 53-member Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, underscored his opposition to a U.S. plan to let former Eastern bloc countries join NATO, saying it would draw new frontiers in Europe.

"Europe, not having yet freed itself from the heritage of the Cold War, is in danger of plunging into a cold peace," Yeltsin said. "Why sow the seeds of mistrust? After all, we are no longer enemies. We are all partners."

But Clinton said NATO would expand. He sketched a European security blueprint in which NATO would "remain the bedrock of security" and a newly empowered CSCE would prevent ethnic conflicts like the 32-month war in Bosnia-Herzegovina between the Muslim-led government and rebel Serb forces.

Seeking to soothe Russia's fears, Clinton said the United States wanted "to erase old lines without drawing arbitrary new ones."

Clinton also called for peace in Bosnia, pointedly asking the Serbs — historical allies of Russia — to "end the aggression" in the war raging 300 miles from this Hungarian capital. "Settle your differences at the negotiating table, not the battlefield," he said.

Yeltsin, in contrast to other European leaders at Monday's summit, made no reference to Bosnia.

The duel of words between the United States and Russia over Europe's future cast a chill over the summit, originally intended to highlight the signing of arms control accords.

But despite rumors of last-minute "wrinkles" in plans to limit nuclear arms, Clinton and Yeltsin attended a ceremony Monday marking Ukraine's accession to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus then joined in enacting the START I treaty signed by the United States and the former Soviet Union.

The long-range missiles stockpiled by the United States and the four former Soviet republics will be

reduced by about one-third. The treaty will clear the way for the Senate to work on the START II treaty, which provides for even deeper nuclear weapons reductions, to a total of a two-thirds reduction of Cold War levels. Yeltsin and Clinton pledged to have the treaties ratified by the spring of 1995.

"As a result of what happened today, this world is a safer place," Clinton said.

Monday's summit — for which a visibly weary Clinton jetted across the Atlantic for seven hours, only to return to Washington after a few hours — was to bolster the administration's vision of a comprehensive European security system. But the NATO issue overshadowed that.

The feud over NATO and its "Partnership for Peace" plan has been simmering since the Russian foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, refused to sign an agreement in Brussels, Belgium, last week cooperating with the plan.

On Sunday Secretary of State Warren Christopher denied there was a split between Russia and the United States, saying: "We will always have things to talk through and work through together as two major powers naturally do."

But Yeltsin's speech Monday left a different impression. One senior administration official described it as "alarms."

"There's a long road ahead" in

U.S.-Russian relations, a second senior administration aide said.

Later, aboard Air Force One, senior administration officials tried to downplay concerns. One official said the Russians had "clearly misread" NATO's expansion plans, adding: "We need to ... talk to the Russians further to clear up the misconceptions in their mind. ... This is a process, we are not setting a timetable for the actual expansion of the alliance."

The official suggested that Yeltsin had to pitch his remarks to please his hard-line parliament.

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and instead they moved for early parliamentary elections on March 24th, 1994. The tension was over the Kravchuk's surrender of nuclear weapons the neo-Nazis wanted desperately.

Leonid Kuchma (born 1938), a former Prime Minister of Kravchuk, lost in the first round, but in the second round, he won 52.4% of the vote. However, he was seen as pro-Russian. By 1994, the conflicts of interest among the Ukrainian politicians quickly rose to the ranks of being in the top 5 most corrupt countries in the world. This rampant corruption, economic decline, the surrender of nuclear arms, and the collapse of GDP by at least 40% in 1994 led to political tension.



Leonid Danylovych Kuchma
Second President of Ukraine
(July 19, 1994-January 23, 2005)

The Ukrainian nationalism/neo-Nazism was cloaked as democracy for this was one-sided insofar as Ukrainian against ethnic Russian-Ukrainians. The political intrigue and corruption began virtually immediately. The English language Kyiv Post became very critical of President Leonid Danylovych Kuchma who was the second President of independent Ukraine from July 19, 1994 to January 23rd, 2005.

From 1998 to 2000, Kuchma's bodyguard, Mykola Melnychenko, allegedly recorded meetings in Kuchma's office which were published exposing the corruption. Kuchma approved the sale of radar systems to Saddam Hussein in Iraq. He was also alleged to have ordered the beheading of journalist Georgiy Gongadze in September 2000, and his headless corpse was found mutilated on November 3rd, 2000. This was the beginning of democracy in Ukraine. It was at this time that U.S. advisors entered Ukraine promising support.

In 2002 Kuchma stated that Ukraine wanted to sign an association agreement with the European Union and that Ukraine would meet all EU membership requirements by 2007–2011. He also proposed a free-trade treaty with the EU. At

the same time, Kuchma signed a "Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Partnership" with Russia playing both sides.

The Orange Revolution was a series of protests that took place in Ukraine from November 22nd, 2004 (2004.893) to January 23rd, 2005, in the immediate aftermath of the run-off vote of the 2004 Ukrainian presidential election, which many believed was rigged including massive fraud and voter intimidation. The Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky's closest friend and business partner from Georgia, Badri Patarkatsishvili (1955–2008), made a statement to police following Alexander Litvinenko's death in 2006, that they funded both the 2003 Rose revolution in Georgia, and the Orange Revolution in Ukraine. Indeed, they had thousands of protesters demonstrating daily throughout the West which led to sit-ins, general strikes, and the start of an organized opposition movement.

Viktor Yushchenko had become the governor of the National Bank of Ukraine and between 1999 to 2001 and was then prime minister. He was the favorite of the people. Yushchenko won becoming the Third President through a repeat runoff where he faced then the Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. Yushchenko eventually won in the revote (52% to 44%). In part, there had been an attempted assassination late 2004 where Yushchenko was confirmed to have been actually poisoned at the time with tetrachlorodibenzodioxin (TCDD), but he survived. This was perhaps staged by Boris Berezovsky to help him get sympathy from the people.

Interestingly, in September 2005, former president Leonid Kravchuk accused Berezovsky of financing Yushchenko's presidential election campaign which Badri eventually admitted. Kravchuk provided copies of documents presenting money transfers from companies controlled by Berezovsky to



Viktor Yushchenko
Third President of Ukraine
(January 23, 2005-February 25, 2010)

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companies controlled by Yushchenko's official backers. Berezovsky at the time refused to confirm or deny that he funded Yushchenko's campaign, which would have been illegal.

In August 2006, Yushchenko appointed his onetime opponent in the presidential race, Viktor Yanukovych, to be the new Prime Minister. This signalled that he was turning from Berezovsky and to form a closer alliance with his enemy Putin and Russia. On February 18th, 2010, Berezovsky penned an emotional

letter that the Kyiv Post reported that he said that Ukraine has voted in a crime boss.

Yushchenko's party, however, lacked support for the 2010 election. Kuchma's role in the 2004 Election Crisis was never clear but he may have played a role in also the 2010 election. Most sources concede that Viktor Yanukovych (born 1950) who became the Fourth President of Ukraine on February 25th, 2010. Many in the West regarded this election to be fraud because he was from the East and was ethnically Russian-Ukrainian who was said to speak Ukrainian with an accent. Yanukovych tackled the language issue in Ukraine and moved to declare that Russian was to be recognized as a second state language.

A document surfaced during the United States diplomatic cables leak concerning the 2010 Presidential election in Ukraine, where Kuchma in conversation with United States Ambassador to Ukraine John F. Tefft, called the voters' choice between Viktor



Viktor Yanukovych
(Born July 9th, 1950)
Fourth President of Ukraine
(February 25, 2010 – February 22, 2014)



Yulia Volodymyrivna Tymoshenko
(Born November 27, 1960)
13th Prime Minister of Ukraine
(December 18, 2007 – March 4, 2010)

Yanukovych and Yulia Tymoshenko (born 1960) of 2010 as a choice between “bad and very bad.” He did state in 2011 that Yushchenko was the real winner of the 2004 election.

Yanukovych launched criminal charges against his political opponent which seems to be a practice in Ukraine these days. In May 2010, the Ukrainian General Prosecutor’s office started a number of criminal cases against Yulia Tymoshenko which prevented her from normal political activity and from international travel to her allies in the West. The current president, Volodymyr Zelensky, did the same thing and imprisoned his opponent – classic Ukrainian justice

as the Democrats were trying with Trump for the January 6th, 2020 Capitol Hill protest they are desperate to call an unarmed-insurrection.

There was another election in 2012 and again there were cries of massive fraud. What was clear was that there was an alarming recession that was unfolding in Ukraine. Under President Yanukovych’s rule, he claimed 30% of the seats in government. On November 5th, 2012 over one thousand people came out in protest outside of the Election Commission office. They demanded a recount of votes in thirteen electoral districts, but the government refused and recalled only five select districts.

Yanukovych basically just ignored these protests and allegations despite some strong statements made even by international leaders such as Secretary of State Hilary Clinton who has always been a Neocon against Russians and the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton. The Jailed ex-Prime Minister Tymoshenko’s Fatherland Party came in second place with about 25% of the vote, a close second to the Party of Regions. However, the Communist Party was in fourth place with 13.2% of the votes, and aligned itself with Yanukovych forming a coalition strengthening Yanukovych’s control over Ukraine.

NATO Reaches Out to Soviets, Eastern Europe

By WILLIAM TUOHY
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COPENHAGEN—The North Atlantic Treaty Organization made an unprecedented offer Thursday to Eastern European nations and the Soviet Union to participate in sweeping political and military cooperation.

On the first day of a two-day meeting here, the NATO foreign ministers issued a declaration reaching out to their onetime Communist enemies in the now-disbanded Warsaw Pact military alliance.

However, the 16-member NATO appeared to close the door on the issue of admitting East European members into the Atlantic Alliance because it does not wish to "isolate" the Soviet Union or see "a new division of Europe," the delegates said in their statement. Some of the former Warsaw Pact members, such as Hungary and Czechoslovakia, have expressed interest in joining NATO.

Diplomats here said NATO is pursuing a delicate goal: offering help to the emerging East European democracies that would like to be part of the alliance, without alarming the Soviet Union by actually inviting those countries to join.

NATO officials have said that adding Eastern European nations to the Western alliance could strengthen the hand of hard-liners in the Soviet Union and undermine President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who is beset by domestic enemies on the left and right as he attempts to reshape his country politically and economically.

The NATO declaration, titled "Partnership With the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe," stated: "Our own security is inseparably linked to that of all other states

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Los Angeles Times Jun 7, 1991

NATO had stated that it would not move eastward, "because it does not wish to 'isolate' the Soviet Union or see 'a new division of Europe.'"

It was now 8.6 years from the Orange Revolution which came out to be June 29th, 2013 (2013.493). This appears to be when Yanukovych began to back away from the Association Agreement with the EU, which was being hotly negotiated in January 2012 and was initialed on March 30th, 2012 in Brussels. Yanukovych rejected a pending EU association agreement in 2013, choosing instead to pursue a Russian loan bailout and closer ties with Russia.

Yanukovych was keen on joining the EU but the treaty had an alleged clause in there that would have put Ukraine in NATO through the backdoor in violation of the Belgrade Agreement which was signed on February 25th, 1991 ending the Warsaw Pact by March 31st, 1991.¹¹ This would risk terminating relations with Russia. Ukraine would have to comply with all the rules and regulations of NATO without formally being admitted.

Worse still, Ukraine was to trade exclusively with the EU when Russia was its main trading partner and its fuel came from Russia. This was the first attempt by the West to bring Ukraine into NATO indirectly through the back door. Russia warned that signing that agreement would be suicide.

¹¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/1991/02/26/world/warsaw-pact-agrees-to-dissolve-its-military-alliance-by-march-31.html>



Therefore, the Association Agreement appears to have been a deliberate attempt to begin a proxy war with Russia using the Ukrainian people as pawns in this geopolitical game for power.. The words of Yeltsin in 1994 were never accepted in the West: *"Why sow the seeds of mistrust? After all, we are no longer enemies. We are all partners."*



The BBC reported on November 30th, 2013, that Yanukovich argued Ukraine could not afford to sacrifice trade with Russia, which opposed the deal. Indeed, not only did Ukraine's energy come from Russia, but the pipelines to Europe also ran through Ukraine. The demands imposed by the EU certainly seemed to be disingenuous.

NATO was determined to move eastward and no agreement would prevent that. The attempt to get Ukraine to join the EU was really a covert attempt to bring Ukraine into NATO through the back door. That led to Yanukovich to back out of that agreement and set in motion the Euromaidan Revolution of 2014.

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Mass protests erupted in November 2013 when Yanukovych formally announced that he would not proceed with the long-anticipated association and trade agreements with the European Union (EU) on November 21st, 2013. On the 24th, a protest with about 100,000 people erupted on Sunday in Kyiv in support of joining Europe rather than Russia. I reported back then:

*"Ukraine has a lot of political pressure coming from Russia and Europe. **Russia is said to have threatened to turn off the natural gas to the Ukraine** if it joined the EU and Europe is promising to supply it gas even though it would be getting that energy from Russia. To say the least, the events in Ukraine are politically very important as we move beyond 2014."*



The day after it was reported that Russia had objected to the signing of the Association Agreement which was officially admitted on November 26th, 2013. Yanukovych conceded that Russia had asked it to delay signing the EU association agreement and that it "wanted better terms for the EU deal."

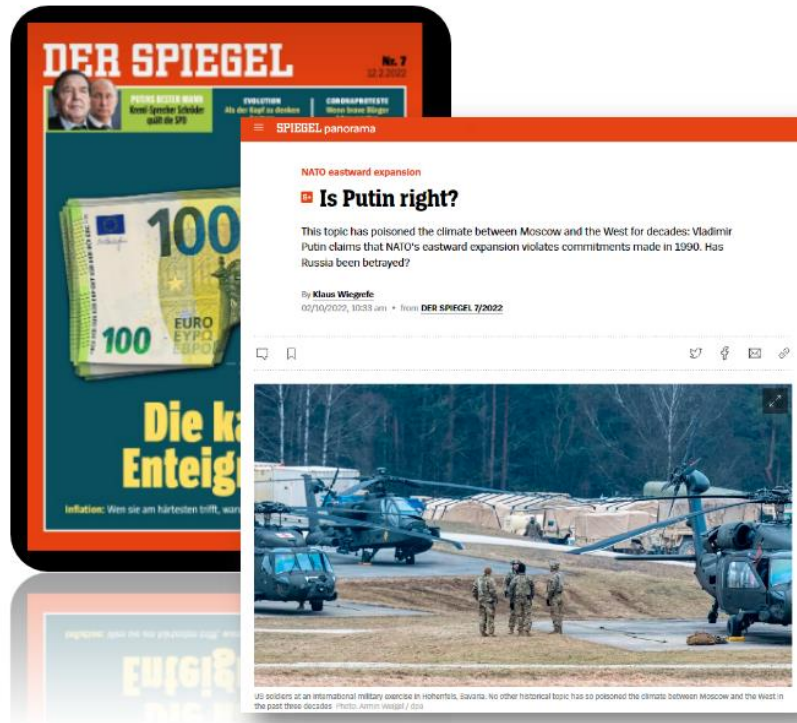
NATO simply never kept its word not to move eastward. In fact, they have always done everything to provoke Russia into confrontation. If Russia was no longer an enemy as Yeltsin said, then NATO no longer had any purpose. That was simply unacceptable.

Putin on May 16th, 2022, said that besides the "endless expansion policy", NATO was reaching far beyond its Euro-Atlantic limit – a trend that Russia was following carefully. This map shows the extent of NATO expansion between 1991 and 2022. It was this never-ending expansion policy of NATO that attempt to gain control of Ukraine through the back door which had produced the Euromaidan Revolution.

The Ukrainian people wanted freedom to travel in Europe. To them, it was only about joining the EU – not NATO or trade with Russia which they never knew about or understood. To appease the protestors, Yanukovych agreed to early elections in nine months. This is where the U.S. Neocons were hard at work. They saw the uprising as an opportunity and they wanted to install their own people to achieve that NATO clause.

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That was all in the leaked phone call of the Neocon Victoria Nuland. NATO had promised not to move eastward in the 1991 agreement but kept pushing anyway. NATO never attempted to lessen tensions and needed to continue its aggressive posture toward Russia because without Russia as an enemy, there was no need for NATO. Careers would end and that was not acceptable. Hence, the Cold War had to continue for their job security and Yeltsin was correct – it had become a Cold Peace.



Indeed, De Spiegel reported on February 10th, 2022 just fourteen days before the Russian Invasion of Ukraine, that the German magazine had discovered a document from March 1991 where the West made it very clear that NATO would **NOT** expand past East Germany. The Secretary of State James Baker met in Moscow on March 14–16th, 1991 with President Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Bessmertnykh.¹² As Der Spiegel reported, the West “**reneged on that agreement.**” Putin's complaint that NATO keeps moving Eastward against the Belgrade Agreement signed February 25th, 1991 has been dismissed by the West and just ignored. The West seems to accept only the facts that supports its objectives.

¹² https://1997-2001.state.gov/about_state/history/sectravels/baker.html

Der Spiegel explained that this document was found in the UK National Archives by Joshua Shiffrin, a political science professor at Boston University in the USA. It had been marked “**Secret**” but was declassified at some point. Shiffrin told Der Spiegel that he was “honored” to work with them on the document showing that “Western diplomats believed they had indeed made a NATO non-enlargement pledge.”

What clearly appears to be critical here is that NATO and the West seem to never honor their agreements that they sign. A British representative also mentioned the existence of a “general agreement” that membership of NATO for eastern European countries is “unacceptable.”



Raymond G. H. Seitz
US Assistant Secretary of State

However, the key text, Der Spiegel reported, was in the minutes from the meeting quoting the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Raymond G. H. Seitz saying:

“We made it clear to the Soviet Union, in the 2+4 talks, as well as in other negotiations that we do not intend to benefit from the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe,”

“NATO should not expand to the east, either officially or unofficially.”

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A West German Ambassador to the United States from 1995 to 2001, diplomat Juergen Chrobog (born 1940), said of the 1991 agreement:

"We had made it clear during the 2+4 negotiations that we would not extend NATO beyond the Elbe. We could not therefore offer Poland and others membership in NATO."

Chrobog further admitted that the Oder River, the boundary between East Germany and Poland was to be the agreed border and that then West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (1930–2017) and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (1927–2016) had agreed with this position as well. Even the press at the time reported NATO did not want to "isolate" Russia, but that changed.

President Vladimir Putin (born 1952) held a previous major press conference and said that: *"The West had promised the Soviet Union NATO would not expand 'a single inch' to the east, but 'brazenly deceived' and 'cheated' Moscow to do just that."* NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (born 1959) lied to the world claiming that the alliance: *"had never promised not to expand."*

When confronted by Der Spiegel, Stoltenberg denied there was any agreement to the world stating *"there has never been such a promise, there has never been such a behind-the-scenes deal, it is simply not true."* It is hard to believe that Russia would have simply never raised the issue. It is also hard to believe that Stoltenberg would tell the truth for it would call into question NATO's actions post-



NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JENS STOLTENBERG

1991 not to mention its very existence. As we will explore in the now declassified documents from the Clinton Administration there were even proposals that Russia would join NATO if the U.S. would back the overthrow of Yeltsin.

Putin is right and he is rightly concerned for NATO has been the aggressor and is on the very doorstep of Russia closer than Philadelphia is to New York City. NATO has expanded its border to just 135 kilometers (84 miles) from St. Petersburg. If Stoltenberg told the truth, then Eastern Europe would be a neutral buffer between Europe and Russia and we would not be facing a cataclysmic World War III. In May 2022, NATO pushed Sweden and Finland to join NATO pointing to Ukraine and has been also working behind the curtain to bring Switzerland into the fold.

The West only printed the propaganda that Putin was ex-KGB and he wanted to resurrect the old USSR. The declassified documents from the Clinton Administration

clearly show that Yeltsin had enemies on both sides – the communists and the oligarchs. He chose Putin because he was an unknown and stood between both Yeltsin's enemies. Putin had no intention of returning Russia to the old days of the USSR. He had resigned from the KGB in 1991 as soon as the USSR collapsed. Putin was indeed a person who loved his country, but he also understood that the

NATO Membership With Bill Clinton



Former U.S. President Bill Clinton (left) and Russian President Vladimir Putin attend the funeral of Putin's predecessor, Boris Yeltsin, in Moscow in April 2007.

communists had crushed the economy. Putin instead was smart enough to see that international trade was the way to lift the living standards for Russia – not the conquest cold war model. The plan was actually called Putin's Eurasian dream. Clinton told Yeltsin in a declassified phone call that he was impressed with Putin saying he was very smart.

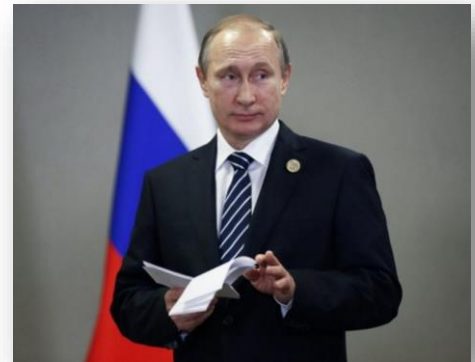
Putin's real ambition was to create a Eurasian economic and political zone where Moscow would set the overall agenda and would then become a global geopolitical and economic power in competition with the United States, the EU and China. His dream was to set this foundation by 2015. The West's unspoken objectives was to prevent that from taking place and were constantly listening to Berezovsky and his seven oligarchs pleading for support to overthrow Yeltsin in the

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2000 Russian election as no documented by the declassified documents we will review shortly.

It was vital to retain Russia as an enemy even after communism had collapsed. Putin has stated that that he once raised the possibility of Russia joining NATO with then-President Bill Clinton, and that Clinton said he had “no objection.” He gave that account in a series of interviews with U.S. film director Oliver Stone. This conversation took place in 2000 soon after Putin came to power and before Clinton left office in January 2001. He told Oliver Stone:

“During the meeting I said, ‘We would consider an option that Russia might join NATO,’” Putin says. “Clinton answered, ‘I have no objection.’ But the entire U.S. delegation got very nervous.”



However, in a March 2000 interview with the British television journalist David Frost, Putin was asked whether *“it is possible Russia could join NATO.”* He responded then and there: *“I don’t see why not.”* Putin was smart enough to see the strength and wealth of a nation comes from its economy and its capacity to produce – not military power. The old Russia was trying to spread Marxism as a Marxist religion. It did not understand humanity.

It was John McCain (1936–2018) who was the leader of the American Neocons who in an interview with Voice of America on March 12th, 2014, called for the U.S. Congress to *“accelerate the path of Georgia and Moldova into NATO.”* McCain also mentioned the need for placing parts of a U.S. missile defense system in the Czech Republic and Poland. McCain was always pushing for war with Russia and had no problem pushing for proxy wars which included Ukraine to achieve his dream of wiping Russia off the face of the earth.

NATO has done nothing but violate everything it promised and then ignored the democratic vote of the people in Crimea denouncing that Russia’s 2014 annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and opposing the separatists in eastern Ukraine in the Donbas as unacceptable. NATO has always acted in its own self-interest precisely as the Prince of Savoy (1663–1736) warned about standing armies. NATO has never sought peace. It has ignored democracy and the vote of the people when it did not support their objectives. Russia had to be the enemy

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despite the fact that Crimea was ethnically Russian not Ukrainian. And as for the Donbas, even two Soviet leaders came from there Khrushchev and Leonid I. Brezhnev (1906–1982) who replaced Khrushchev in 1964 yet now Ukraine says this is no longer Russia. The West and NATO were only concerned about a territorial map as the good old days of imperialism.

The entire anti-Russian posture of NATO has been self-serving. Much like ancient Athens had saved Greece by defeating the Persian invasion, they then formed a league and demanded that all the Greek states pay them a tribute to prevent another Persian invasion. Of course, they paid into the coffers of Athens and no Persian invasion ever came.

Eventually it was the arrogance and greed for power of Athens that led to a revolution against them. This became the Peloponnesian War where Athens was defeated in 404BC by the coalition led by Sparta. Has NATO also become only arrogant posing a risk to peace at a time where we lack any peacemakers like Ronald Reason or Richard Nixon? Nobody will listen to the wisdom of Henry Kissinger. The Ukrainian president Zelensky compared Kissinger's wisdom as living in 1938 and the idea to the appeasement of Nazi Germany. He omits that Putin has no intention to conquering all of Ukraine no less Europe.



As much as things change, human nature remains the same and NATO is threatening the world with its own arrogance. It has never sought peace. It has desperately needed to retain Russia as its enemy to justify its very existence as we will see the Clinton documents. Like Athens, to keep the money flowing into its coffers, NATO cannot afford real peace.

Euromaidan Revolution



The \$1 billion question, is to what extent was the Neocon Victoria Nuland as Assistant Secretary of State for the United States, involved in the agreement presented by the European Union (EU) to Yanukovych for the EU deal? When Yanukovych backed out of the deal with the EU this is what set in motion the end game – the Euromaidan Revolution in Ukraine. Transcripts of the phone call were published by the BBC on February 7th, 2014. It was on February 28th, 2014 when Yanukovych resigned. This clearly demonstrated that the United States was involved in trying to install their own puppet government.

The leaked phone call between Victoria Nuland, provides intriguing insight into the foreign policy unfolding behind the curtain. There was a distinct attempt to marshal the Ukrainian opposition to be pro-US. They even brought in the UN to play a key role to install a pro-West government. They also brought in then U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden to give an “at a boy” slap on the back. The conversation between Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt, created worldwide headlines. We do not precisely know when this phone call took place, but it was obvious prior to February 7th, 2014.

Victoria Nuland: *OK... one more wrinkle for you Geoff. [A click can be heard] I can't remember if I told you this, or if I only told Washington this, that when*

I talked to Jeff Feltman [United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs] this morning, he had a new name for the UN guy Robert Serry did I write you that this morning?

Pyatt: Yeah, I saw that.

Nuland: OK. He's now gotten both Serry and [UN Secretary General] Ban Ki-moon to agree that Serry could come in Monday or Tuesday. So that would be great, I think, to help glue this thing and to have the UN help glue it and, you know, Fuck the EU.

The Daily Caller¹³ reported on the true nature of Senator John McCain of Arizona who was the leader of Neocons and constantly against Russia and China. He was not just the sponsor of the Magnitsky Act against Russians, but he was fiercely against Trump because he would not wage war are directed. The Daily Caller

reported that McCain met with a well-known Ukrainian Neo-Nazis back in 2013 when he was there fueling the Maidan Revolution.

McCain was there in the center of the Maidan Revolution where he spoke to thousands of protesters gathered there to protest former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich's decision to cut trade relations with Europe. Of course, there was no acknowledgment that the whole thing was a plot to begin with to get Ukraine into NATO through the backdoor.



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Flashback: That Time McCain Met And Praised Actual Neo-Nazis In Ukraine



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¹³ <https://dailycaller.com/2017/08/17/flashback-that-time-mccain-met-and-praised-actual-neo-nazis-in-ukraine/>



McCain's visit was purported to show U.S. support for the protesters to overthrow Yanukovych. Yet his trip to Ukraine was especially revealing for he was repeatedly photographed standing next to and meeting with Oleh Tyahnybok, the leader of the right-wing nationalist Svoboda Party, who is a known Neo-Nazi as reported by the Business Insider on December 16th, 2013.

The Svoboda Party has a history of anti-Semitism, anti-Russian, and anti-Polish. When it was founded in 1995, the party had a logo eerily similar to the Nazi swastika. The party underwent a schism in later years, but still remains true to promoting Ukrainian ethnic identity.

Tyahnybok was even expelled from parliament in 2014 after he demanded the Ukrainian people wage war against the "Muscovite-Jewish mafia,"—both words are insults aimed at the nation's Russian and Jewish citizens. In 2015, Tyahnybok wrote letters in which he demanded Ukraine fight against acts "of Jewry."



Ukraine opposition urges rallies to defend EU deal

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KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's jailed former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko said Friday she was ready to urge the European Union to drop the demand for her release if that could help persuade the government to sign a landmark association agreement with the bloc, her lawyer said.

There was no immediate reaction from the EU.

Tymoshenko, whose jailing the West calls politically motivated, also urged Ukrainians to take to the streets to protest the government's decision to shelve the deal and turn to Russia instead. "She is calling on everybody to come out and express your civic position on the squares of all the cities of the country," Tymoshenko's lawyer Serhiy Vlasenko said Friday.

At the same time, Tymoshenko exhorted Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich to change his mind and sign the deal.

An EU spokeswoman said Yanukovich is still welcome to attend the summit next week in Vilnius.

"Our firm belief is that the future of Ukraine still lies in a strong relationship with the EU," said Maja Kocijancic, spokeswoman Catherine Ashton, the European Union's top diplomat.

The EU had made Tymoshenko's release a condition for



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Students respond to the call of jailed Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko and take to the streets in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv.

concluding a free trade and political association agreement with Ukraine.

Ukraine's cabinet on Thursday suspended preparations for signing the agreement. That was a big victory for Russia, which has worked aggressively to derail the deal and keep Ukraine in its orbit.

Ukraine's Prime Minister

Mykola Azarov sought to defend the decision in parliament Friday, but was booed by opposition lawmakers, who chanted "Shame!" and threw stacks of papers at his ministers.

Azarov said Ukraine cannot afford to lose trade with Russia and suggested the EU did not offer Ukraine

any compensation for that. He also complained that the conditions the International Monetary Fund has set for rescuing its struggling economy with a bailout loan were impossible to fulfill.

Ukraine's trade is split more or less equally between Russia in the EU: in the first nine months of this year exports to the EU stood at \$14.6 billion vs. \$21.1 billion to Russia, while imports totaled \$22.4 billion from the EU vs. \$21.2 billion from Russia, according to Concord Capital, an investment firm in Kiev.

Tymoshenko's top ally, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, accused Yanukovich of selling out to Moscow in exchange for cash and ensuring his reelection in 2015.

"This is a well-planned scenario by Yanukovich: how to sell the Ukrainian state and to buy himself a seat of the governor of Little Russia as part of the great Russian empire," he said.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin, speaking in St. Petersburg Friday, denied twisting Ukraine's arm, and, in turn, accused the EU of "pressure and blackmail" of Ukraine.

"It will become clear in the next few days whether Ukraine and its leadership will yield to pressure or will be able to resist it and take a pragmatic stance in line with national interests," Putin said.

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In Ukraine, the fire was simmering and McCain was there to fan the flames. There were protests in support for the people wanted to also freely travel throughout Europe. But there was a sinister backdrop with NATO playing a game in its thirst to ever move eastward. It all finally erupted by November 30th, 2013 with the general public support growing for pro-EU Association Agreement which manifested into an anti-government protest.



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Images began to surface of protesters bloodied by police crackdown which went viral online and in the media. Then on December 1st, 2013, about 300,000 people protested in Kyiv's Independence Square known as Maidan. On December 17th, 2013, Putin announced plans to buy \$15 billion in Ukrainian government bonds and a cut in cost of Russia's natural gas prices for Ukraine in an effort to try to help the government and ease the tensions.

Yanukovych, like Trudeau in Canada with the truckers in 2022, outlawed the formation of any crowds. Again, on the 16th of December 2013, anti-protest laws were passed and quickly condemned as "draconian" by many while McCain was there to stir up the trouble. This was followed on the 22nd with two protesters reported dead after being hit with live ammunition. A third died following a fall during confrontation with police. Then as the pressure kept building from the people, on January 28th, Mykola Azarov, resigned as Ukraine's Prime Minister and the parliament repealed the anti-protest laws that caused the demonstrations to escalate in the first place.



On January 29th, 2014, a bill was passed, promising amnesty for arrested protesters if the seized government buildings were relinquished. But Yanukovych, they argued, abused his power trying to hold on to the government. On January 21st, the opposition activist Dmytro Bulatov was found outside Kyiv after being imprisoned and tortured for eight days, apparently at the hands of some private group – not the government. Some suspected that this was a neo-Nazi false flag. This event merely intensified the protests and on February 16th, the opposition activists ended their occupation of Kyiv City Hall in exchange of 234 jailed protesters.

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These protests continued for months. In February 2014 clashes between the protestors and the riot police became violent, and resulted in the deaths of nearly 130 people, including 18 police officers.



Then on February 18th, 2014 major violence began when protestors attacking police lines after the parliament stalled in passing constitutional reform to limit presidential powers. This resulted in the protestors taking back the government buildings. Then on the 20th of January, 2014, Kyiv saw its worst day of violence in almost 70 years. At least 88 people were killed within 48 hours. Footage showed alleged government snipers shooting at protestors from rooftops, yet nobody would ever be prosecuted. The building they were perched on just so happened to be the buildings occupied by the protestors. Oliver Stone in his movie *Ukraine on Fire* uncovered evidence that pro-revolutionary snipers were shooting protestors to blame Yanukovich. Oliver Stone reported that there were people who asked Victoria Nuland, the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, for support and she replied that only if 100 people were killed. Interestingly, that was the event number of people killed by the snipers it what appears to be another false flag.

Protest leaders of the political opposition and then even Yanukovich all agreed to form a new government and hold early elections by May 25th on February 21st, 2014. That agreement of February 21st, 2014, reduced Yanukovich's powers dramatically and the parliament voted to free Yulia Tymoshenko, the former prime minister, from prison. That too has been a demand in the EU Agreement that was rejected by Yanukovich.



This agreement calling for the early elections also provided for creating an interim unity government. The following day, Yanukovych fled the country to Russia. The protesters took control of the capital. Finally, on February 22nd, the Ukraine politicians voted to remove Yanukovych as president.

Yanukovych did not resign. He fled for his life knowing that the neo-Nazis were now seizing control. On February 22–23, 2014, Russian president Vladimir Putin convened an all-night meeting with security service chiefs to discuss assisting the deposed Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovych with leaving the country.

The very next day, a new, pro-Western “interim” government was installed and immediately recognized by the U.S. as in the failed coup in Venezuela in 2002. They were **UNELECTED** and would rule the country starting the civil war all before the Ukrainian people were allowed to even vote.

While Ukraine left the Soviet Union on Sat., Aug. 24th, 1991 (1991.64), here we find from start to finish was 23 years until Maidan in 2014 which aligned with our War Cycle turning point in 2014. As I have warned many times, the event or region that



aligns with this model is the primary focus. In this case, the beginning of World War III was perfectly targeted to start in Ukraine.

From the first protest on November 24th, 2013 to the removal of Yanukovych, it was 91 days or 13 weeks. The point is – things can happen very fast if the people become inspired. I was in contact with people in Ukraine on both sides. Those in Maidan were rising up against the corruption in politics and ethic Russian Ukrainians as Yanukovych.

The typical conspiracy crowd claimed the whole thing was created by the CIA. I had personal friends on the barricades at Maidan when the protests began on November 21st, 2013. I was advising the people I knew that they had to get the police to switch sides. A personal friend in Donbas had the guts to go up to a Russian soldier when they entered Eastern Ukraine before the news. She went up to him and asked if she could take a photo since they were there to protect them. He allowed her to take the photo. I posted it but cut her image out for obvious reasons. I posted her photo on May 22nd, 2014.



I had firsthand knowledge of how this event unfolded and it was **NOT** organized by the CIA, but agitated by the Neocons McCain and Nuland who were there to “encourage” the revolution promising support from America. This was all directed to gain influence and picked who would take charge. I know from my first hand contacts that they were told that they had to accept the West's picks to run the



Victoria Nuland
*Assistant Secretary of State for
European and Eurasian Affairs 2013 - 2017*

government which would be anti-Russian or this time there would be no support from the EU or the United States.

The real question remains to what extent McCain and Nuland may have played in the role of ensuring that the agreement to engage in trade with the EU would be a backdoor attempt to force Ukraine to comply with the rules of NATO making it unacceptable to Yanukovych.



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These were clearly the neo-Nazi elements in Ukraine who wanted the Revolution with who McCain was obviously meeting in part showing his support for their extreme agenda because they hated Russians. The phrase I heard was that "***Crimea was Ukraine or Crimea will be depopulated***". This was being bantered around immediately after protests in Crimea appeared on February 23rd, 2014 which was again ignored by the West. This event came right on target with our Model which I had been presenting year after year at our World Economic Conferences. The computer was right once more but targeting 2014 was one thing – the other was its targeted Ukraine as the place this would all begin.

The Crimea Crisis



Crimea, which had been previously ruled to have been an illegal transfer by Nikita Khrushchev in 1954 handing it to Ukraine merely because he regarded himself a Southern Russian who grew up in the Donbas. Crimea was never occupied by Ukrainians. The first people of the region known before even the Rus were known as the Crimeans. They were the first to issue their own coins. First the coins were made of bronze, but then they issued coinage in gold and silver in ancient times.

Crimea simply never had any such connection to Ukrainian culture. Up to 20% of the population remain Tartars from the Mongol-Tatar invasions of the 13th century. Nevertheless, simply because Khrushchev assigned Crimea which is occupied by Russians, not Ukrainians, the United States used it as an excuse to



Pantikapaion, the Black Sea coast of Crimea (Ukraine)
350-300 BC AU Stater (9.12 grams)
Bearded head of a Satyr/Griffin

Russia's top diplomat said Moscow will make no decisions about Crimea's future, including whether to embrace it as a new territory, until after a local referendum Sunday to decide whether it should remain part of Ukraine.

But U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the vote's results are all but a foregone conclusion, and urged Russia's parliament against accepting any offer to claim Crimea as its own.

"We believe that a decision to move forward by Russia to ratify that vote officially within the Duma would, in fact, be a backdoor annexation of Crimea," Kerry told reporters in London after six hours of talks Friday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

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impose sanctions and to exclude Russia from the G8 without just cause trying to isolate it the world economy.

On February 23rd, 2014, pro-Russian protesters began to rally in Crimea against the new Kyiv anti-Russian administration. The next day, the Ukrainian interim government drew up a warrant for Yanukovych's arrest after he fled to Russia. The hatred of Russians was being unleashed with the Euromaidan Revolution and the instant reactions of those in the Donbas and Crimea was apparent yet ignored by the West and Kyiv – they did not count. The Obama Administration rejected any democratic process.

On February 27th, Russian troops entered Crimea to protect them from the neo-Nazi elements that saw the Revolution as their

ticket to retaliate against Russian-Speaking Ukrainians because they were involved in ethnic cleansing.

The Crimean status referendum was put to a vote on March 16th, 2014 asking the people whether they wanted to rejoin Russia as a federal subject, or if they wanted to restore the 1992 Crimean constitution meaning Crimea would remain a part of Ukraine. The official result saw 97% voted for integration into the Russian Federation with an 83% voter turnout. It was not rigged. That was reality because they knew they were hated by the Western Ukrainians following Bandera's philosophy of a pure-blood Ukraine. That's why he joined Hitler – eradicating undesirables.

Naturally, the West claimed the vote was rigged. John Kerry, Secretary of State at the time in the United States, admitted the vote was a foregone conclusion but omitted to explain why and the historic neo-Nazi elements in Ukraine. Crimea was always ethnic Russians historically for it had only been allocated to Ukraine for administration purposes in 1954 by Khrushchev. Kerry said that this vote was only an excuse and amounted to a backdoor annexation of Crimea rejecting any right of the people to decide their own fate in typical imperial dogma.

The Crimea Crisis

John Kerry refused any democratic process because this was all about creating a new Cold War with Russia. They people did not matter. This was the American Neocons in full control of the Obama foreign policy.

The Obama Administration and the rest of the West, refused to acknowledge the hatred of Russian-speaking Ukrainians or the involvement of the U.S. in protecting the Ukrainian neo-Nazis postwar. This was to be manufacturing World War III over their hatred of Russians.

The battle cry of the interim Kyiv government that was also not ELECTED but installed by the Obama Administration was to impose U.S. policies denying the Ukrainian people any right to decide their own fate. There was no way the Crimean vote was rigged. But with all the claims today that Zelensky is defending democracy, the West refused to acknowledge the Crimean vote or allow the Donbas to hold a vote which is the ultimate denial of any democracy when the vote is against them. During the Trump victory in 2016 we saw their true definition for when the vote goes against them, they reject it and call it "populism" which must be stopped.

Kerry: Crimea vote won't be recognized

By Lara Jakes and
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LONDON — Despite six hours of talks, the U.S. and Russia found "no common vision" Friday over the crisis in Ukraine, where residents in the country's strategic Crimean region are holding a secession vote this weekend.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov made the comment after meeting with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in London.

At the marathon talks, Lavrov made it clear that Russian President Vladimir Putin would not make any decision about what to do with Crimea — which is now under the control of Russian-backed forces — until after Sunday's vote. Kerry, however, said Washington and the international community won't recognize the outcome of the referendum.

Sunday's vote on Crimea — Ukraine's strategic Black Sea peninsula of 2 million people — is widely expected to back secession and,

potentially, annexation with Russia, since the area already has a majority Russian population. The new government in Kiev believes the vote is illegal, but Moscow says it does not recognize the new government as legitimate since it forced out Ukraine's pro-Russian president.

The U.S. and EU say the Crimean vote violates Ukraine's constitution and international law.

If Crimea votes to secede, the U.S. and European Union plan to slap sanctions as early as Monday on Russian officials and businesses accused of escalating the crisis and undermining Ukraine's new government.

Kerry said if Russia's parliament ratifies a Crimea referendum vote, it would be akin to a "backdoor annexation" of the region.

Lavrov reaffirmed that Russia will "respect the results of the referendum" in Crimea and said sanctions would harm relations.

"Our partners also realize that sanctions are counterproductive," he said.



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John Kerry defends global trade against populist anger

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When the people rise up against the tyranny of government, suddenly this is when democracy is transformed into populism which they maintain must be terminated. It was John Kerry at Davos in 2017 who was “warning of the dangers of economic populism,” and added that politicians, like Trump, should not listen to the people. “It’s really

dangerous to play to the lowest common denominator of American, of global political life.” This shows the true nature of politicians – it is their way or no way. The Crimea vote would NOT be recognized because it was against their agenda.

On February 28th, 2014, the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (NSDC) had met in one of the rooms of Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament). As Oleksandr V. Turchynov (born 1964) presided who was then acting president of post-Maidan Ukraine following the removal from power of President Yanukovich on February 21st, 2014 until Petro Poroshenko was sworn in as the Fifth President of Ukraine on June 7th, 2014.



OLEKSANDR V. TURCHYNOV
Interim President Post Maidan 2014

Turchynov pointed out that the situation was very fragile with respect to Crimea and the NSDC acknowledged that both the Ukrainian army located there and members of the riot police were ethnically Russian and had already defected to the pro-Russia side. One proposed that they would yield power to Crimea in a fiscal decentralization sense, and they would make language concessions and recognize the Russian language. Others admitted that would not provide a real resolution.



Andriy M. Shevchenko
(born 1976)

Interestingly, another participant of the discussion, Andriy Senchenko, the footballer who ran for Parliament, allegedly claimed that it would be wrong to “negotiate with traitors and separatists.”¹⁴ This all emerged following the declassified and published minutes of the most important high-level meeting of Ukrainian leadership after the Maidan.

The new interim UNELECTED Ukrainian leadership installed to carry out the Obama Administration directives immediately began mobilizing troops and petitioning NATO for support and arms before there was any right of the people to decide the fate of their own country

before there would be any election in June 2014.

This was in direct conflict with the **Belgrade Agreement** where Ukraine had more nuclear weapons than China and surrendered them to Russia on the agreement that NATO would not invade and rush it would not invade provided Ukraine was to remain neutral. But the new leadership installed in Ukraine was blessed by the United States and the IMF which began immediately preaching austerity to pay back foreign debt which was instantly going into the pockets of the new Ukrainian leadership.



The Washington summit arrival on May 31, 1990, featured high ceremony on the White House lawn, here with formal greetings from President Bush for Mikhail Gorbachev, now president of the USSR. (Credit: George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, P13298-18)

¹⁴ <https://vorobiov.wordpress.com/2016/02/22/what-docs-reveal-about-kyivs-response-to-crimea-occupation/>



NATO was training Ukrainian troops years in advance in preparation with war against Russia which was finally admitted to the Wall Street Journal on April 13th, 2022 as NATO was proudly pounding its chest. This combined with the attempt to force Yanukovych to adopt NATO rules without being formally in NATO to enter a trade agreement with the EU was a clear sign of the intentions of NATO to constantly push Russia toward a confrontation. Denying that NATO had ever agreed not to move Eastward only warned that you needed to not just count your fingers dealing with NATO, you have to make sure you still had your arm.

On February 28th, 2014, the Acting General Prosecutor General Oleh Makhnitsky formally called on Russia to extradite ousted President Viktor Yanukovych along with 10 other figures which included the former Prosecutor General Viktor Pshonka and various other heads of government and even the former Justice Minister Olena Lukash of the court. This was shaping up as a coup against all ethnic Russia-speaking Ukrainians.

These actions were all authoritarian carried out by the hand-picked leaders of Ukraine installed by the West. The important point here was these people were all anti-Russian and were installed with the blessing of the United States and there would be no elected president until June 5th, 2014.

In the face of NATO dishonestly and rising tensions in Ukraine's Crimea, the Federation Council of Russia authorized President Putin to use force if necessary.

The Crimea Crisis

They began to realize this was indeed a Proxy War. The West refused to acknowledge that the pro-Russian movement was out of fear of the neo-Nazis.

Then on March 11th, the Crimean parliament and the Sevastopol City Council issued a letter of intent to unilaterally declare independence from Ukraine amid the rising tension of Ukrainian neo-Nazis who were saying Crimea is Ukrainian or Crimea will be depopulated. This led quickly to referendum on March 16th, which showed a large majority (reported as 96.77% of the 81.36% of the population of Crimea who voted) voted in favor of independence of Crimea from Ukraine and joining Russia as a federal subject.

On March 17th, 2014, President Obama rejected the democratic vote knowing the people were historically Russian. He announced sweeping sanctions against officials in the Russian government in an effort to impose "costs" that further isolate Russia following its military occupation of Crimea, which he said threatens the "sovereignty and territorial integrity" of Ukraine.



Two days later, Crimea proclaimed its status as the independent Republic of Crimea and signed a treaty of accession to the Russian Federation. The next day, March 19th, the Ukrainian military began to withdraw from Crimea.



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U.S., other powers kick Russia out of G8

Jim Acosta, CNN Senior White House Correspondent

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Interestingly, Obama imposed sanctions on Russia ignoring the democratic vote of the people and went as far as to ask SWIFT to remove Russia from the worldwide financial system which they denied.

So, Obama kicked Russia out of the G8. Again, he refused to acknowledge the history of the Ukrainian neo-Nazis and the long simmering hatred against the



Russian-speaking Ukrainians which were ethnically all Russian and historically Crimea and the East of Ukraine was always former Russian Empire territory. Russia had to be the enemy no matter what all while this was an UNELECTED “interim” government running Ukraine – not its own people.

While Obama was claiming he was defending democracy by refusing to allow the people to vote in the Donbas or to recognize the people of

Crimea was absolutely self-serving to defend the position of American Neocons. It was not ethical and it surely violated every principle of international human rights.

It was on March 25th, 2014, the IMF announced a \$14 billion to \$18 billion loan package to the interim Ukrainian Government. They did not push for a democratic process. This was to be authoritarian rule over Ukraine by the West. The IMF loan was to be a putative total of \$27 billion which was contingent on commitments from others like the EU World Bank, European investment Bank, and the European

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Bank for Reconstruction and development. While pitched to the world press that this was a bailout, in fact there are always strings attached. The IMF seeks power in such loans and historically it never forgets nor does it ever forgive.

The IMF conditions were standard boilerplate from the rulebook but misguided in our modern-day economy. Among the conditions was that Ukraine would abandon its currency peg allowing it to float freely in the marketplace. This resulted in a 30% drop in the currency in the first month. This only increased their external debt due in dollars. The solution should have been to write off prior debts but that is not in the policy book of the IMF. The IMF will always lend more money in a Ponzi scheme so they do not have to admit that they themselves have made a mistake.

Anti-Terrorist Operation



On April 15th, 2014, it was this unelected interim government run by the West that began the civil war – the Ukrainians never voted for a civil war. The interim government directed the parliament to declare Crimea and the city of Sevastopol “occupied territories” and justify calling in the Army to begin the Civil War. That same day the interim government sent the Army against pro-Russian separatists calling it the “Anti-Terrorist Operation” beginning the civil war at the direction of the West. Here we have the start of this critical event and it was begun with an unelected government installed by the West.

Interestingly, the Associated Press reported the day before that the former President Viktor Yanukovich said that the John Brennan, the CIA director who was involved in the Steele dossier, had met with the Interim Government leadership and “in fact sanctioned the use of weapons and provoked bloodshed.” The CIA cleverly did not answer saying they do not comment on his travel plans. Then denied Brennan “encouraged Ukrainian authorities to conduct tactical operations inside Ukraine.” This is the same Brennan who lied claiming all roads from Trump lead to Putin. Brennan also briefed Harry Reid on the Steele dossier in August 2016 before McCain gave it to Comey where Reid quotes the dossier in a letter to Comey when Brennan claimed he did not see the dossier until December of 2016. A clear lie proving whatever Brennan said cannot be trusted and the FBI declined to confirm or deny he went to Ukraine.

Speaking hours later on Russian state television, Viktor Yanukovich claimed that CIA director John Brennan had met with Ukraine’s new leadership and “in fact sanctioned the use of weapons and provoked bloodshed.”

The CIA flatly denied the accusation that Brennan was pulling the strings in Ukraine. CIA spokesman Dean Boyd said that while the agency doesn’t comment on Brennan’s travel itinerary, the “claim that director Brennan encouraged Ukrainian authorities to conduct tactical operations inside Ukraine is completely false.”

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Anti-Terrorist Operation

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Former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko tweeted this photo when the Neocons, John McCain and Lesley Graham, visited Ukraine in December 2016. They assured the Ukrainian neo-Nazi soldiers that they would be supported by Washington to fight against the Russians under this Anti-Terrorist Operation. This was just after Trump was elected in November. Part of the reason John McCain hated Trump was that he refused to send troops or wage another endless war against Russia. They were supporting both the revolution against Russia, but also the civil war against Russian-speaking Ukrainians in a classic territorial gab where people mean nothing.

Ever since that day of April 15th, 2014 when Kyiv declared war on Russian-speaking Ukrainians, the people in the Donbas have been called terrorists and separatists that according to neo-Nazi Ukrainian politicians should be exterminated or Banished from Ukraine. To achieve this goal,

Fighting back

Ukraine's acting President Oleksandr Turchynov has announced the start of an "anti-terrorist operation" to root out pro-Russian separatists.



The Journal News - Hamilton, Ohio - April 16 2014

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The Vancouver Sun, Canada - April 19th, 2014

April 19th protesting the anti-terrorist operations instituted against the Russian-speaking Ukrainians.

Vice President Joe Biden visited Ukraine at this time on April 23rd, 2014. The Associated Press reported that the Kyivian "Anti-Terrorist Operation" would resume because (1) protesters in Eastern Ukraine still occupied government buildings there and the Western Ukrainians had in Maidan, and they claimed that two Western Ukrainians were killed with signs of torture. This justified the all-out civil war in Ukraine.

Biden announced the U.S. would provide \$50 million to help Kyiv in its conquest of the East and secondary for economic reforms.

Ukrainian Army began the open bombarding mainly civilian targets since the war was instituted by the interim government. Cities like Kramatorsk, Slavyansk, Lugansk, and Donetsk were under almost continuous attack. More than 6000 civilians died in the Donbas since 2014 including men women and children. The West ignores that because they were Russian scum.

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UKRAINE

'Anti-terrorist' operations resume

New violence raises tensions after Biden visit

NEDRA PICKLER AND MARIA DANILOVA
The Associated Press

KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukraine's acting president ordered security forces to resume "anti-terrorist" operations in the country's east Tuesday after the bodies of two people alleged to have been abducted by pro-Russia insurgents were found and a military aircraft was reported to be hit by gunfire.

The twin developments, which came just hours after U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden left Kyiv, raised concerns that last week's international agreement on easing Ukraine's crisis was falling.

The agreement calls for all sides to refrain from violence and for demonstrators to vacate public buildings. It does not specifically prohibit security operations, but Ukraine suspended its so-called "anti-terrorist operation" after the accord.

Pro-Russia insurgents who have seized police stations and other public buildings in eastern Ukraine are defying the call to vacate, saying they were not party to the agreement by Ukraine, Russia, the United States and the European Union.

In a statement, the acting president, Oleksandr Turchynov, said the two bodies found Tuesday in Slavyansk bore signs of torture. One of them was a member of the city council and a member of Turchynov's party, he said.

Terrorists "are beginning to torture and kill Ukrainian patriots," he said. "They are impudently rejecting the calls of not only our country but of all the world's society when they demonstratively mock the decisions taken in Geneva. These crimes are being done with the full support and connivance of Russia."

The government, which took over after Viktor Yanukovich fled to Russia in February, claims that Russia is behind the outbreak of unrest in eastern Ukraine with the possible aim of provoking violence that could be used as a pretext to invade. Last month, Russia annexed Crimea several weeks after seizing control of the peninsula.

The Defence Ministry said gunfire hit an observation plane over Slavyansk, but the aircraft landed safely without injuries.

Standing alongside Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Biden called on Moscow to encourage pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine to vacate government buildings and checkpoints, accept amnesty and "address their grievances politically."

Biden said Russia needs to act "without delay," adding, "We will not allow this to become an open-ended process."

Yatsenyuk was harsher in his characterization of Russia. "No country should be able to behave like an armed bandit," he said. "Russia should stick to its international commitments and obligations. They should not behave as gangsters in the modern century."

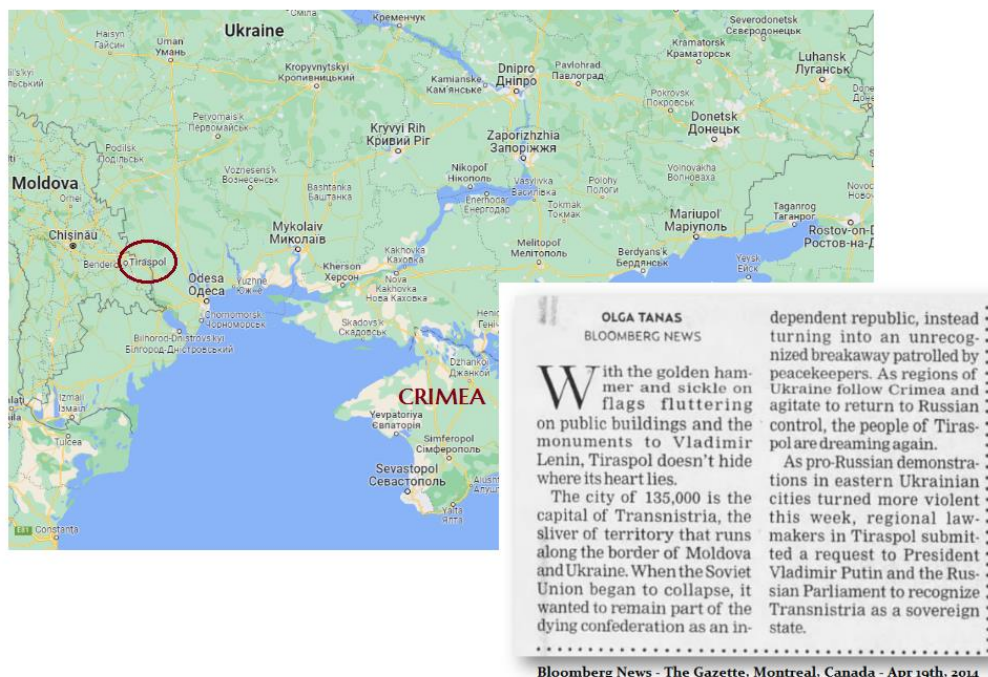
The U.S. has warned that it will quickly order new economic sanctions on Russian officials and entities if Moscow doesn't follow through on the provisions in last week's accord. Moscow has rejected charges that it was behind the troubles in eastern Ukraine and that it has failed to live up to the Geneva agreement. Officials there have decried "ultimatums" from the West.

Biden also announced the United States will provide an additional \$50 million to help Ukraine with political and economic reforms.

Mourners attend the funeral Tuesday for men killed in a weekend gunfight in the eastern Ukrainian city of Slavyansk.

Associated Press - Edmonton Journal, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - April 23, 2014 • Page 14

Anti-Terrorist Operation



Tiraspol is the forgotten territory in Moldova on the border with Ukraine which dreamed of returning to Mother Russia. They sent a letter to Putin as pro-Russian demonstrations rose throughout Southern and Eastern Ukraine that they too wanted to reunite with Russia. Putin took no action for surely the West would have imposed sanctions and call that an invasion of Moldova.



It was very clear. This interim government which was simply installed by the United States and the European Union, was unelected and began the entire civil war. As always, those in power only care about territory. They do not care about the people they are carving up.



UKRAINE CRISIS UPDATE



EU ambassadors are expected to meet tomorrow to discuss extending sanctions against Russia in response to the continuing crisis in Ukraine.

Sources yesterday said diplomats from the bloc are expected to add 15 individuals to those already facing asset freezes and travel bans, while other options will also be discussed.

The meeting follows agreement among the G7, which includes the US, the UK, France and Germany, to "intensify sanctions" against Russia. The White House said some aimed at "cronies" of Russian president Vladimir Putin (pictured) may be unveiled tomorrow.

In a joint statement G7 leaders said Russia had not taken any concrete steps to implement an accord signed in Geneva to rein in illegal armed groups.

Sergei Lavrov, the Russian Foreign Minister, told US Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday that Ukraine must stop its "anti-terrorist" operation to help defuse the crisis. He

said the US should use its influence to secure the release of what the Russian ministry called leaders of the "protest movement" in south-eastern Ukraine – a reference to Russian separatists in the region.

The Pentagon said that Russian military aircraft entered Ukrainian airspace on several occasions on Friday night. Russia denied any violation of its neighbour's airspace.

The US continued moves to deploy troops into former Soviet states in eastern Europe in order to pacify fears among their Nato allies over Russia's intentions.

Chris Stevenson

The Independent, London, Greater London, England - April 27, 2014 • Page 33

On April 27th, 2014, the Independent in London reported that immediately the EU and United States began with sanctions imposed on Russia for the actions of ethnic Russians in Donbas demanding their independence from Kyiv. It was at that time that the Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry that Kyiv must stop its "anti-terrorist" operations targeting ethnic Russians in the East. He also told Kerry that he should tell Kyiv to release the Eastern Ukrainians they threw in prison claiming that they were leaders of the Eastern Separatist Movement.



John Kerry instead argued that Russian aircraft had flown over the East and that violated Ukraine's air space but did not allege that they did anything. It became patently obvious that John Kerry could care less about any offenses against the people in Donbas, after all, they were Russian scum. Kerry made no effort to stop the civil war and was clearly encouraging the civil war using the unelected interim Ukrainian government which was acting as a dictatorship on the directions of the United States.

Obama's Highly Dangerous New Cold War



Obama's Cold War was clearly intentional for withing 30 days of Crimea, it was reported that on March 14th, 2014, he was moving to kick Russia out of the G8 (Group of 8). Obama knew well the Ukrainian neo-Nazis and the history of never prosecuting them because they were also engaged in ethnic cleansing of Russians. He also knew the history of Ukraine and that Crimea had been regarded by Russia as an unauthorized act of Khrushchev in 1954 of handing it to Ukraine for administrative purposes.

Worse still, the human rights of the people in Crimea, who were historically Russian, was ignored despite the fact that voted for independence. This was a political decision to re-ignite the cold war with Russia promoted by the Neocon Hillary Clinton. It made no sense but was very old-world where leaders just carved up countries irrespective of the ethnicity of the people.

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The Guardian reported on March 6th, 2014¹⁵, that Hillary was out there calling Putin Hitler. She told the Guardian that Putin had said that he was protecting ethnic Russians by moving troops into Crimea. Clinton said that Putin's actions were similar to what happened in the Nazi era in Czechoslovakia and Romania. The Guardian reported:



"Now if this sounds familiar, it's what Hitler did back in the 30s," Clinton said, according to the Press-Telegram of Long Beach. "Hitler kept saying: 'They're not being treated right. I must go and protect my people.' And that's what's gotten everybody so nervous."

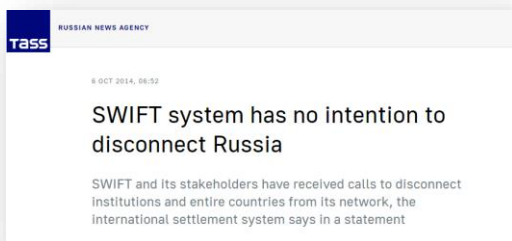
The Atlantic reported on September 24, 2014¹⁶, that "NATO and NATO-allied forces are conducting military exercises in western Ukraine, while Russian-backed separatists and Russian troops remain entrenched in that country's east. Last Wednesday, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu warned that 'the situation in Ukraine has escalated sharply and the presence of foreign military has increased in the immediate vicinity of our borders.'" Something was seriously wrong. This was not a fluid situation; it was starting to unfold as a preordained strategy.

Of course, the comparison of Putin to Hitler was by means justified. The difference was that Hitler was not defending Germans against ethnic cleansing. There was

¹⁵ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/mar/06/hillary-clinton-says-vladimir-putins-crimea-occupation-echoes-hitler>

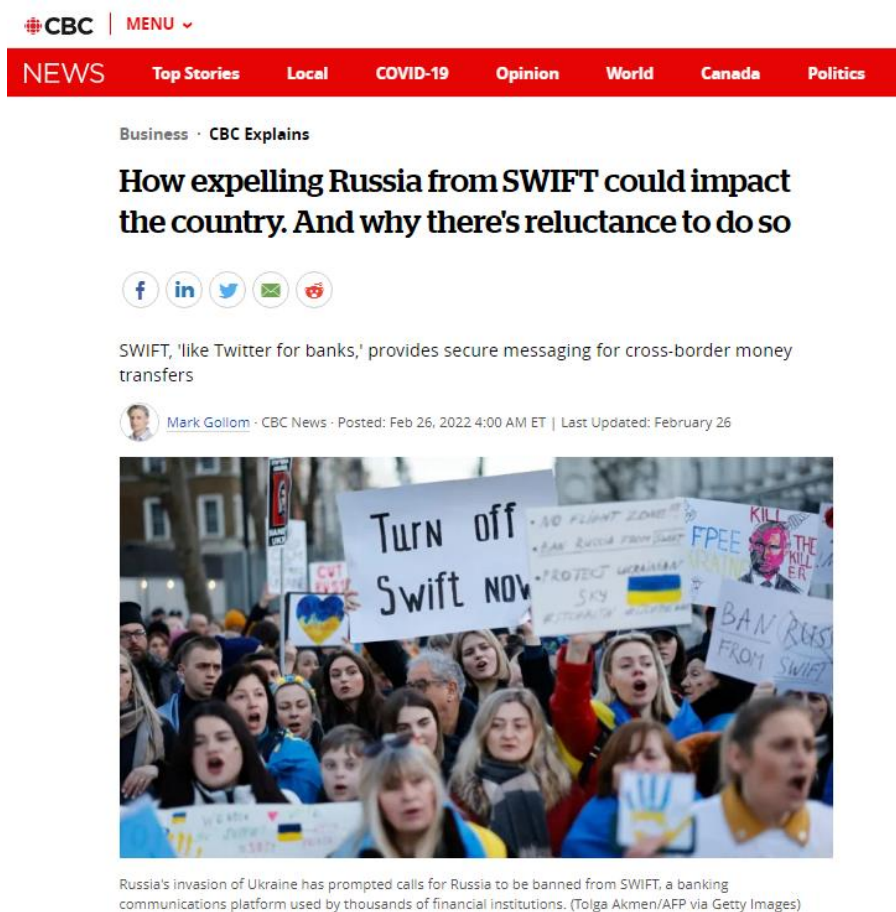
¹⁶ <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2014/09/russia-west-united-states-past-future-conflict/380533/>

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NO attempt to negotiate or understand no less report on the situation objectively. From the outset, the American Neocons were pushing for the revolution and then they selected the people for the Interim Government which unleashed the neo-Nazis of Ukraine. This was clearly a strategic objective to isolate Russia and

indeed to constantly move NATO to within miles of Moscow.



From the very outset, there was a campaign to also try to throw Russia out of the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) which was reported on February 26th, 2014 by CBC News in Canada. There was no way that individuals even understood what the SWIFT system was no less organize instant protests that were reported in 2 days of Russia sending troops to Crimea. Someone was clearly organizing protests staging people instantly demanding the removal of Russia from the world financial system.

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Obama then attempted to block Russia from the world economy as a whole removing them from the SWIFT system entirely. The Russian News Agency, TASS, reported on October 6th, 2014, that **SWIFT** rejected Obama's request to ban Russia from the world economy. Was Obama listening to housewives protesting? Or were the housewives paid to protest to give Obama support for such a sanction?

The entire idea of using **SWIFT** as a sanction began with the IMF when Christine Lagarde was running it and conspired with Obama to force the world to comply with his new FACTA laws. Lagarde began threatening tax havens that they will be removed from the **SWIFT** system if they did not give up all foreign accounts. She even threatened the Vatican June 2015¹⁷ would be removed from **SWIFT** if they did not report all international transfers and comply with U.S. tax authorities FACTA requirements. Obama was hunting every piece of loose change and began hunting Americans around the world.

Using that same threat, Obama tried to bully the **SWIFT** system to destroy the independence of the world economy. Obama began World War III in the financial markets using Crimea as the excuse. By April 2014, he was pushing the idea of imposing total sanctions against Russia knowing that there was no possible way Putin could yield to such pressure. Thus, the intention was clear – Obama was launching a new Cold War.



¹⁷ <https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FATCA-Agreement-Holy-See-6-10-2015.pdf>

World economic pressure could badly harm Russia

Oren Dorell
USA TODAY

The West has several things it can do short of military intervention to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from taking unwanted action in Ukraine, analysts say.

Anders Aslund of the Peterson Institute of International Economics in Washington says the international community can severely and quickly damage Russia's entire economic system if it has the will to do so.

"There must be such economic pain on Russia that Putin finds it difficult to manage," he says.

Among the measures? The United States and Europe should talk about cutting Russian financial institutions off from the Brussels-based Society for Worldwide Interbank Telecommunication (SWIFT) system.

Nations and international corporations use the system to transfer money, make and receive payments. Restricting it would cripple Russia's ability to do business, forcing it to make transactions with piles of cash or bartering, says Campbell Harvey, who teaches global finance at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

Cutting Russia off from SWIFT would require persuading the Europeans to go along. The SWIFT cooperative cut off Iran, which hampered its ability to sell its main export, oil, contributing to severe economic hardship.

The cooperative agreed to stop doing business with Iran only under threat of sanctions from the U.S. Senate. Harvey said cutting off Russia would so devastate its people and European economies tied to Russia that it should be considered a "nuclear option."

"But you also want to start talking about it because it's a

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Anders Aslund, Peterson Institute of International Economics

Russia denies incitement

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Kramatorsk is about 100 miles from the Russian border, where thousands of Russian troops, tank columns and fighter jets are based. Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned Ukraine that he may intercede to protect ethnic Russians, though it is ethnic Russians who have been the ones forcing their way into government buildings.

Moscow warned Kiev against using force against the pro-Russia protesters and denied charges from Ukraine that the unrest is being whipped up by paid operatives and special forces from Russia.

"This is a total lie that supposes that those residents there are completely incapable of protesting of their own will," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Tuesday after talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Lavrov said Moscow may walk out of an international conference on Ukraine to be held Thursday in Geneva. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon spoke with Putin by phone and urged him to de-escalate his actions, Ban's press office said.

"The secretary-general ... un-

derlined that any deepening of the crisis would be profoundly detrimental for all concerned," Ban's office said.

The Kremlin said Putin told Ban that "The Russian side expects a clear condemnation from the United Nations and the international community of these anti-constitutional actions," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said that it's Russia that is to be condemned.

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A Ukrainian soldier stays close to armored personnel carriers near the town of Izium in eastern Ukraine Tuesday.

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greater risk of violent confrontation."

The White House appeared to back the Ukrainian military action. "The Ukrainian government has the responsibility to provide law and order and these provocations in eastern Ukraine are creating a situation in which the government has to respond," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Contributing Deag Staeglin in McLean, Va.; Luigi Serecchi in Berlin; the Associated Press

Russia also and they must be very nervous about what the next steps are," Harvey says.

► Europe, which imports 40% of its natural gas for electricity and heat from Russia, could reduce its Russian imports by restarting mothballed nuclear reactors (eight out of 17 in Germany alone) and increasing its imports of liquid natural gas from Africa, the Persian Gulf and the USA, said Ariel Cohen, an analyst at the Heritage Foundation.

Though that cannot be done quickly, Cohen said, talking about it could cause Russia to see "it would be devastating to the relationship between Russia and the West."

► The U.S. can greatly expand the sanctions and travel bans against violators of human rights and the architects of the invasion

of Ukraine, Cohen says.

"These measures are on the books. The question is how enthusiastically we need to implement these measures," he said.

The United States and European Union have imposed sanctions on a few dozen Russian and Ukrainian individuals because of the Crimea annexation. That caused \$64 billion to leave the Russian economy in the first quarter of 2014, equal to 3% of Russia's gross domestic product, setting a pace that could reach a total of \$150 billion this year, Aslund says.

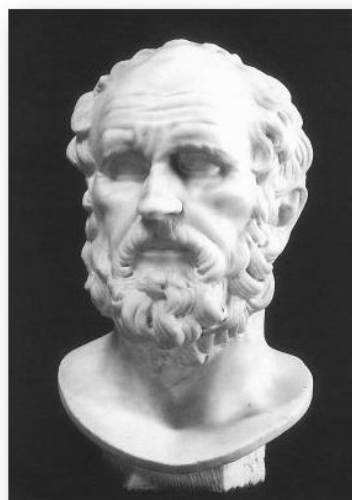
"If the West tightens more, the outflow would be much worse," he says. The impact would be "less consumption, less investment and less GDP and less living standard. You get less of everything."

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Hence, on March 14th, 2014 Obama kicked Russia out of the G8. His attempt to remove it from the entire world economy using the **SWIFT** system was rejected. Back then, **SWIFT** refused to cut off Russia from all international financial flows. Indeed, that would have violated international law at the direction of Obama, but in politics, law suddenly becomes on the self-interest of the stronger.

"[T]he different forms of government make law democratical, aristocratical, tyrannical, with a view to their several interests; and these laws, which are made by them for their own interests, are the justice which they deliver to subjects, and him who transgresses them they punish as a breaker of the law, and unjust. And that is what I mean when I say that in all states there is the same principle of justice, which is the interest of the government; and as the government must be supposed to have power, the only reasonable conclusion as, that everywhere there is one principle of justice, which is the interest of the stronger."



Thrasymachus (Θρασύμαχος)
(ca. 459-400 BC)

When it comes to governments obeying the law, they never do. That was the famous debate between Thrasymachus and Socrates recorded by Plato where he explained that justice is always the same in all forms of government – it is constantly the self-interest of the those in power. The treatment of Russia at the hands of Obama illustrated that this was intentional and a definitive strategy. Ignored was any question of the Ukrainian neo-Nazi treatment of the Russian-speaking Ukrainians refusing to address the historical documented concern for human rights.

There was nothing but deceit emerging from the Obama Administration suggesting that Hillary Clinton was directing the agenda. Hillary was a staunch Neocon who hated Russia and China fighting the old war of communism. Her bias should never have allowed her to take the position of Secretary of State. The

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involvement of the Obama Administration in the intended manipulation of the Ukrainian people to create a proxy war with Russia was unsettling. The use of the **UNELECTED** Interim Government in Ukraine installed by the U.S. to set in motion the civil war cannot be denied. Such a profound decision should have been made by the elected government – not the “interim” unelected government.



Interestingly, when the Ukrainian people voted for Zelenskyy in 2019, the issues he promised were to end corruption and the end the civil war – neither of which he had any intention of actually carrying out. The Boston Globe¹⁸ celebrated his victory and even in his inauguration speech, they reported that Zelenskyy “vowed to end the war in eastern Ukraine.” He said in his speech that over 13,000 people had died in this civil war at that time. The people of Ukraine have been used as cannon fodder for a proxy war that has used the “Interim” government of Ukraine to start the civil war knowing that the objective all along was to use Ukraine to start the war with Russia.

¹⁸ The Boston Globe, Boston, Massachusetts, May 21, 2019, Tuesday, Page A4



BARACK OBAMA



VLADMIR PUTIN

As mocking ensues, tougher sanctions against Russia to come?

WASHINGTON — U.S. sanctions against a Russian bank and the Kremlin's inner circle have pinched Moscow, but if the goal is to get President Vladimir Putin to roll his forces out of Crimea or deter him from doing any more land grabs, their effectiveness remains in doubt.

Putin has mocked the punitive steps President Barack Obama has taken so far in their post-Cold War game of chess — or chicken.

Putin made jokes of Obama's decision this week to freeze the assets of businessmen with close ties to him as well as Bank Rossiya, which provides them support. Putin quickly retaliated by slapping travel restrictions on nine U.S. officials and lawmakers, including Sen. John McCain, who quipped: "I guess this means my spring break in Siberia is off."

More serious repercussions loom if the standoff heats up.

For now, Putin says there is no need for further Russian retaliation, yet his Foreign Ministry said Moscow would "respond harshly."

Putin claims to have no plans for further incursions into Ukraine or elsewhere in the neighborhood. But he's not planning to reverse Russia's annexation of Crimea either.

The U.S. and Europe are left to weigh the possibility of levying tougher measures on Russia's energy and banking sectors. That could backfire if Moscow, in turn, seized American or other foreign assets or cut exports of natural gas to Europe, which is heavily dependent on Russia for energy.

— **The Associated Press**

Associated Press - March 23, 2014

The sanctions imposed on Russia was clearly one-sided. There was never any discussion of the long-standing hatred of the Russians and the neo-Nazi element that was sanctioned and protected by the CIA post-WWII. In Ireland, we always heard of the civil war between the north and the south over religion. But when it came to Ukraine, the press never reported the truth perhaps because they were told not to do so as one of those "favors" for the CIA after WWII because they were anti-Russian. The press would never tell the truth that there were those in the government who did not always wear a white hat.

As I said many times before, my father was an officer with General Patton from North Africa to Berlin. It was Patton's opinion that they should have continued right into Moscow for he was famous for saying that the Germans were not the real enemy, it was the Russians because of Communism.

That belief expressed by General George Patton (1885-1945) may not have been the public policy at the time. However, it was obviously well entrenched within the intelligence agencies. That is why the Ukrainian Nazis were not prosecuted despite their crimes of

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massacring Polish, Jews, and Russians. Since they hated the Russians, they got their get out of jail free card as if this were a game of Monopoly.

What has often escaped history, is that General George Patton had marched right into Czechoslovakia in 1945 before the Russian got there. He was then ordered to withdraw because Patton had crossed the Czechoslovak border and entered the city of Pilsen. This was the hub of the production of munitions. General Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower (1890–1969) ordered him to withdraw for in Patton's diary he noted that he was ordered because of the Roosevelt – Stalin agreement at Yalta defining the limits of Russia's advance into Europe.



General George S. Patton Jr.
(1885 – 1945)

Consequently, Roosevelt had given Eastern Europe to Russia carving up nations like a board game irrespective of the people. The Russians had been given this extra territorial right over the uranium mines and they immediately advanced and seized the uranium deposits. Had Patton held his ground, it may have altered the entire nuclear arms race.¹⁹

Joseph McCarthy (1908–1957) turned the United States into a witch hunt for Communists in 1954. I remember having to hide under our desks in air raid drills in school. This tension with Russia because they were Communists never ended even post-1989 among the Neocons. The entire Crimea incident revealed that it was Obama, taking directions from the Neocons, to oppress Russia at every possible avenue. They ignored the election of the people of Crimea and just called it rigged and invalid because they did not want to accept any rejection of their agenda. Thus, the ejection of Russia as a G8 member all over Crimea, which was dominantly Russian population who voted to be part of Russia, was a deliberate act to ensure that the old Cold War would continue.

¹⁹ Drew Person, Washington Correspondent The Marshall News Messenger Oct 3, 1949 4

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On May 7, 2022, Henry Kissinger (born 1923) was interviewed by the London Financial Times where he warned that we are now living in a totally new era, and there has been no discussion among nations as to what are the consequences if the weapons of today are actually used.

It was Henry Kissinger who was the organizer of the Sino-US agreement under President Richard Nixon, which was a major shift in the cold war splitting China from Russia. He explained in his interview that at the time, Russia was the principal enemy *"but our relations with China were about as bad as they could be."*

Kissinger further explained that *"it was unwise, when you have two enemies, to treat them exactly alike."* He elaborated that there were tensions that developed autonomously between Russia and China. Mao, despite all his ideological hostility, he explained *"was ready to begin conversations."* Under the



Biden Administration, those who are now telling Biden what to do, have taken exactly the opposite approach driving the China and Russia together.

Kissinger continued at the age of 99 showing his thinking has not been impaired like some others. He explained that *"it is not natural for China and Russia to have identical interests on all foreseeable problems."* He warned that *"it is unwise to take an adversarial position to two adversaries in a way that drives them together."*

The Financial Times pointed out that the Biden administration is framing its grand geopolitical challenge as being democracy versus autocracy. Is this the "wrong framing" they ask? He warned:

"We have to be conscious of the differences of ideology and of interpretation that exists. We should use this consciousness to apply it in our own analysis of the importance of issues as they arise, rather than make it the principal issue of confrontation, unless we are prepared to make regime change the principal goal

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of our policy. I think given the evolution of technology, and the enormous destructiveness of weapons that now exist, [seeking regime change] may be imposed on us by the hostility of others, but we should avoid generating it with our own attitudes."



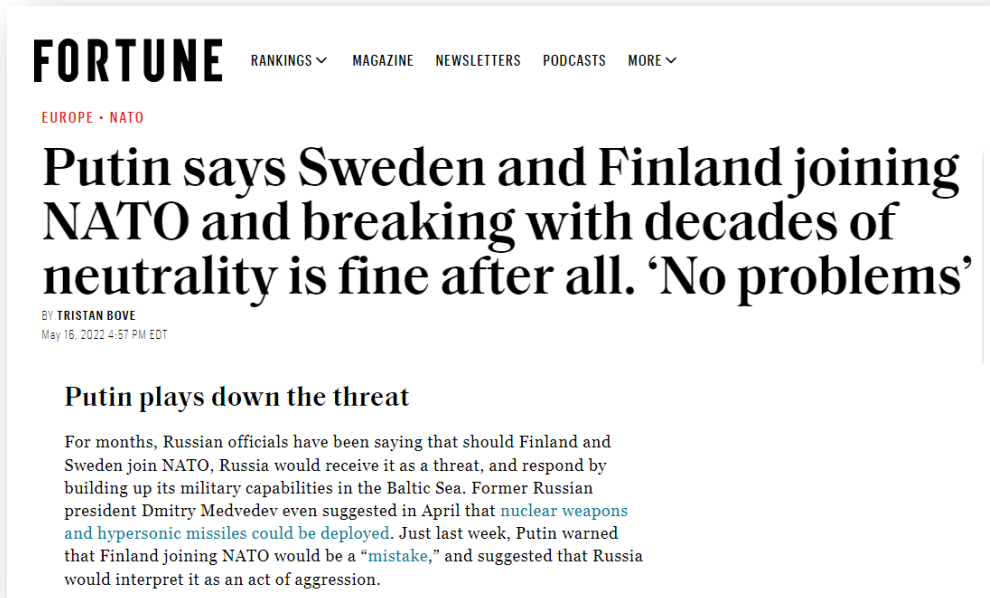
FT: You have probably more experience than any person alive of how to manage a stand-off between two nuclear-armed superpowers. But today's nuclear language, which is coming thick and fast from [Russian president Vladimir] Putin, from people around him, where do you put that in terms of the threat we are facing today?

HK: We are now [faced] with technologies where the rapidity of exchange, the subtlety of the inventions, can produce levels of catastrophe that were not even imaginable. And the strange aspect of the present situation is that the weapons are multiplying on both sides and their sophistication is increasing every year. But there's almost no discussion internationally about what would happen if the weapons actually became used. My appeal in general, on whatever side you are, is to understand that we are now living in a totally new era, and we have gotten away with neglecting that aspect. But as technology spreads around the world, as it does inherently, diplomacy and war will need a different content and that will be a challenge.

Kissinger also keenly observed that:

"I have met Putin as a student of international affairs about once a year for a period of maybe 15 years for purely academic strategic discussions. I thought his

basic convictions were a kind of mystic faith in Russian history... and that he felt offended, in that sense, not by anything we did particularly at first, but by this huge gap that opened up with Europe and the east. He was offended and threatened because Russia was threatened by the absorption of this whole area into Nato."



Those in Washington have never understood Putin and the Neocons just pushed the narrative that he is an ex-KGB officer who wanted to resurrect the old USSR. You could say the same of President George Bush who was the head of the CIA. Putin has had more than 20 years to resurrect the USSR and made no effort to do so and disagreed even with Lenin calling him just a Bolshevik. Fortune Magazine in 2022 stated that Putin was not upset over Sweden and Finland joining NATO. That was the real Russian Neocons behind him.

Putin insists that Ukraine is a failed state being led astray by scheming foreigners. This is where his argument takes a truly alarming turn. The west, he suggests, is playing a "dangerous geopolitical game" and is intent on using Ukraine as a "springboard against Russia". This argument could clearly be used to portray a Russian invasion of Ukraine as defensive in nature.

National Post, Toronto, Canada
December 8th, 2021



If you know your enemy and yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

Sun Tzu, The Art of War

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Putin was motivated by the lack of prestige and respect the West has had for Russia when it was no longer driven communist ideology that it sought to spread to the rest of the world as in Khrushchev days. The greatest mistake is that the West dismisses everything Putin says and fails totally to grasp the #1 rule in geopolitics which dates back to the **Art of War**. War will become inevitable because we do not bother to try to understand the Russian perspective or the Ukrainian people's desire for peace. It is just about our view which is crafted by the Neocons.

My father told me a story of how Arabs were caught helping the Germans in North Africa. They would not talk under threat of torture. Instead, someone ordered to get a large pig. They then threatened to kill the Arab and bury him in the pig skin so he would never see Allah. He said they would talk under that threat but not physical torture.

The moral to the story is that it does not even require that you believe in the fact that burying someone inside a pig skin would prevent someone from going to haven. All that mattered was that the opponent believed that fact. You could create the same scenario with just about every religion. So, it does not matter if one believes what Putin says. The only thing that matters is to understand the Russian perspective. Otherwise, there can be no negotiation and no resolution. This raises the question that those driving this policy in Washington are either sublimely stupid, or this is deliberate to create war.

Putin also miscalculated the situation he faced internationally with respect to sanctions but the United States also miscalculated Russia's capabilities and their philosophical drive. Thus, the claims for regime change are absurd for once again

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Biden Warns China of 'Consequences' if It Aids Russia in Ukraine War



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David E. Sanger and Edward Wong

you threaten this limit of Russia's conventional capability, then a decision where escalating the war will be seen as necessary to maintain Russia as a great power in the future. Kissinger commented:

"I have no judgment when he comes to that point. When that point is reached will he escalate by moving into a category of weapons that in 70 years of their existence have never been used? If that line is crossed, that will be an extraordinarily significant event. Because we have not gone through globally what the next dividing lines would be. One thing we could not do in my opinion is just accept it."



the West has misunderstood that there is a perception in Russia that this is indeed a war against the Russian people – not Putin.

Kissinger warned that that there is always a red line that cannot be crossed. When

Those in the Biden Administration who are really the acting president who writes what he reads on the teleprompter, are obviously ignorant of international history and geopolitical jousting. Like the Rap Song, "Will the Real Slim Shady Please Stand Up," it would be nice to know who is behind the curtain directing this Administration for it's certainly not Biden. They have sent the world careening toward World War III assuming the American power is so great, the nuclear deterrence is sufficient to compel China and Russia to do as they are told. Threatening China if they dare help Russia is driving them together having exactly the opposite effect.

The head of U.S. Strategic Command Adm. Charles Richard, who does oversee the nuclear arsenal, warned Congress that the USA faces a heightened nuclear deterrence risk when it comes to Russia and China. The cutting of the defense budget and even Biden's threat to dishonorably discharge any member of the military who was not vaccinated showed this belief that it can control the world with the threat of nuclear weapons but reducing conventional capability.

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Adm. Richard warned: ***“We are facing a crisis deterrence dynamic right now that we have only seen a few times in our nation’s history.”*** He continued stating bluntly: ***“The war in Ukraine and China’s nuclear trajectory — their strategic breakout — demonstrates that we have a deterrence and assurance gap based on the threat of limited nuclear employment.”*** He further warned that *China is “watching the war in Ukraine closely and will likely use nuclear coercion to their advantage in the future.* Their intent is to achieve the military capability to reunify Taiwan by 2027 ***if not sooner.”***



Nuclear weapons are no longer a deterrent. They did not stop the U.S. from going into Iraq, the Vietnamese War, or this one in Ukraine. The idea that building nuclear capability will somehow compel world peace is a delusion. This is essentially what Admiral Richard has scolded Congress about. The U.S. conventionally is not a match for Russia and China. North Korea alone has an army of 1.5 million who would love to storm the beaches of California or come in through Alaska like Hannibal crossed to Spain and marched on Rome by land rather than sea. If Russia and China combined with those in the Middle East and North Korea, that would be many multiples of the forces of both sides in Ukraine right now.

Once sanctions are put in place, they are never lifted. The Obama sanctions imposed in 2014 on Russia for Crimea remain intact proving that sanction never work. There is no possible way to impose sanctions of this magnitude kicking Russia out of the G8 that will ever achieve any goal other than ensure that Russia will be isolated and thus prevented from being part of the world economy.

Sanctions foreclose any possible exit strategy. It is one thing to impose sanctions on a minor country such as Iran, but it is entirely a different situation imposing sanctions on a major super power such as Russia or China.

Neo-Nazi Odessa Massacre



Trade Unions House - Odessa on May 2, 2014

On May 2nd, 2014, the sheer hatred of Russian-Ukrainians erupted for the world to see, but they changed the channel. The UNELECTED U.S. installed interim government was in complete control. Their Anti-Terrorism Operation was in full swing. Clashes between pro-Ukrainian and pro-Russian-speaking Ukrainian separatists groups broke out on the streets of Odessa. At Kulikovo Square in Odessa stood the Trade Unions House which became the site of the renewed ethnic cleansing of Russians in Ukraine. The world did nothing and the Obama Administration imposed no sanctions and never told their puppet regime to respect human rights. The entire Euromaidan 2014 Revolution was very much an anti-Russian revolution for Yanukovych was from the East and was a Russian-speaking Ukrainian who spoke Ukrainian with an accent.

Crowds began to form in Odessa and started attacking and beating Russian-speaking Ukrainians on the streets. About 400 fled seeking shelter from pro-Kyiv neo-Nazis who were screaming "hang Russians". The Ukrainian police did nothing to protect the Russian-speaking Ukrainians who fled to the Trade Unions House. While the tragedy of the Ukrainian Civil War captured the headlines, nobody really paid attention when they attempted to burn alive 400 Russian-speaking Ukrainians. The international reports played down the incident and some tried to claim only 5 or 6 people were burned alive so somehow that was OK.

Ukrainian leader says government 'helpless' to restore order in east

HORLIVKA, Ukraine (AP) — ing with terrorist organiza- eastern Ukraine. Insurgents

The U.S. installed UNELECTED President Turchynov on April 30th, 2014 and the Associated Press reported that he had said that Ukraine was “helpless” to restore order 3 days before the Odessa massacre. This appears to have been the excuse for once the neo-Nazis killed the Russian-speaking Ukrainians in Odessa, then he amazingly found the troops to go invade the Donbas.

The Trade Unions House was once the communist party headquarters. But that fateful day in Odessa on May 2nd, 2014, when 400 hundred or so Russian-speaking Ukrainians sought protection behind its thick walls, the neo-Nazis tried to burn them alive. The press would not report that about 200 died. Instead, some reported only 42 people were burned alive, but that was acceptable – they were just Russians.



Associated Press - May 3rd, 2014

Much more importantly, this incident was used strategically. The massacre of burning Russian-speaking Ukrainians alive was intended to be a warning that they were not welcome and they would be killed in a horrible manner if they did not leave for Russia. The UNELECTED President Turchynov merely said that pro-Kyiv people also died was an effort to deflect any accountability.

The very next day, Turchynov ordered an attack on the city of Slovyansk in the Donbas. He had the troops to kill as many Russian-speaking Ukrainians as possible. He knew the U.S. Neocons had his back to slaughter Russians. Curiously, the United States imposed sanctions on Russia for defending Russian-speaking Ukrainians against the neo-Nazis and the West turned a blind-eye to the slaughter of Russians.

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UKRAINE GRIEVES ITS LOST LANDS

Eastern regions have gradually fallen under the influence of Russia.

By YURIAN KAZIMIROU
Associated Press

MINSK, BELARUS — Leonid Andrus, an electrician from Kiev, was drafted into the Ukrainian army and spent a year fighting Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine after the conflict broke out in 2014. Now, like many other Ukrainians, he is ready to accept that those lands are lost.

"The Russians are in charge there and they are methodically erasing everything Ukrainian. So why should I and impoverished Ukrainians pay for the occupation?" said Andrus, 45.

Long withstanding after years of fighting and about 10,000 deaths, Ukrainians increasingly are coming around to the idea of at least temporarily abandoning the region known as the Donbas, considering it to be de facto occupied by Russia.

This would effectively kill the Minsk peace deal brokered by Germany and France, which aims to preserve a united Ukraine. The Minsk agreement is still firmly supported both by the West and Russia, as German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian President Vladimir Putin affirmed at their meeting this week.

The 2015 agreement, which Ukraine signed as its troops were being driven back, has greatly reduced but not stopped the fighting, while attempts to fulfill its provisions for a political settlement have failed.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko still stands by Minsk. In recent months, however, his government has moved to isolate the east by blocking trade and shutting off supplies of electricity and gas, demonstrating that it now considers the industrial region



People crossed a checkpoint in March between Ukrainian government-controlled and rebel-controlled areas near Luhansk.

to be Moscow's problem.

Several factions in the Ukrainian parliament have introduced legislation that would designate these territories that are outside Kiev's control as "occupied."

"We should call a spade a spade and recognize the Russian occupation of Donbas," said Yurii Berezin, a co-author of the legislation. Berezin, who commanded one of the volunteer battalions that fought in the east, called it necessary to preserve the state.

The likelihood of the bill coming up for a vote is low, given the government's reluctance to formally acknowledge the loss of the territories.

Almost half of Ukrainians, however, favor declaring the separatist-controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions as "occupied," according to a poll conducted by the

Razumkov Center.

Under Minsk, the two regions are to remain part of Ukraine but with "special status." They would have the right to hold elections. Those who fought against the Ukrainian army would receive amnesty.

These provisions have little popular support. The poll found that only 22 percent of Ukrainians were ready to grant the Donbas this "special status," while 31 percent of respondents said they found it difficult to answer. The poll was conducted in January.

"It is obvious that Ukrainian society supports the isolation and blockade of the Donbas. And this is exactly what is dictating President Poroshenko's behavior," said Razumkov Center sociologist Andrei Ryshchenko. "If Poroshenko plans to seek a second term, he has to think about the mood

of society, not about the expectations of the West."

Poroshenko was elected after protests led to the ouster of Ukraine's Russia-friendly president in 2014 and put the country on a path toward integration with the West.

While still speaking about a united Ukraine, Poroshenko's government last month shut off electricity supplies to Luhansk over unpaid debts. Kiev already had stopped supplying gas to both the Luhansk and Donetsk regions and in March, Poroshenko imposed a trade blockade on the regions beyond Kiev's control.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said that this was "one more step by Ukraine to isolate itself of these territories."

Although Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula at the start of the conflict, Putin has said he has no interest in

annexing eastern Ukraine.

"The Kremlin has tried to push this cancerous tumor back into Ukraine, using Donetsk and Lugansk as Trojan horses to manipulate Kiev," said Russian political scientist Andrei Piontovsky. "But the Ukrainian government has had enough sense not to let it happen."

Putin, speaking Tuesday after talks with Merkel, responded angrily to suggestions that perhaps it was time for a new peace deal, since the Donbas already had de facto separated from Ukraine.

"No one has severed these territories. They were severed by the Ukrainian government and through its acts of blockades," Putin said. Russia was forced to support Donbas, he added, noting that it was "still supplying significant amount of goods, including power, and

providing care for Ukrainian metalurgical plants."

Putin and Merkel both said that they saw no alternative to the Minsk agreement.

Sergei Garmash is among the 2 million people who have left their homes in eastern Ukraine. He said there is almost nothing Ukrainian left in Donetsk, which now uses Russian rubles, receives only Russian TV and survives thanks to Russian subsidies.

"Ukrainian politicians need to be brave and legally recognize this territory as occupied by Russia. This will force Moscow to pick up the bill. And the more expensive this adventure will be for the Kremlin, the sooner it will walk away," said Garmash, 45, who lives in Kiev.

Moscow sends humanitarian convoys to the Donbas every month and pays the salaries and pensions of people who live there. Russia also supports the separatist military operations, although the Kremlin continues to deny that it sends arms and troops.

Russia has been hurt economically by sanctions imposed by the West over the annexation of Crimea and support for the separatists.

"Public opinion has swung sharply toward the isolation of Donbas, and for the Kiev government it is an opportune time to shirk all the exposure of the frozen conflict to Moscow," said Vladimir Fesenko, head of the Post Center of Political Studies in Ukraine.

"Of course the war in Donbas was incited by Russia to slow Ukraine's move toward Europe," Fesenko said. "But no Ukrainian politician can publicly give up Crimea and Donbas and recognize them as part of Russia."

Andrus, the electrician in Kiev, said the problem is that no one knows what to do with Donbas.

Litering it to a suitcase with no handle, he said: "It's too heavy to carry, but it's a shame to throw it away."

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On May 6th, 2017 the Associated Press ran an article about the **Minsk Agreement** which was brokered by Germany and France where the Donbas region was supposed to have "special status" and the right to hold elections. The Ukrainian Civil War instigated by the unelected government promoted by the United States had resulted in over 10,000 deaths. Ukrainians were beginning to realize that their fight for territory was superseding the very freedom of the people in Donbas who were ethnically Russian.

The Associated Press reported on May 6th, 2017 that only 22% of Ukrainians supported this special status for Donbas and 31% said the question was too difficult to answer. In that article by the Associated Press which was interviewing a Ukrainian soldier who was an electrician concluded saying "the problem is that no one knows what to do with Donbas." He further commented that it was like a suitcase with no handle which is quote too heavy to carry, but it's a shame to throw it away.

2014 Ukraine Election



Petro Oleksiyovych Poroshenko
(born 1965)
5th President of Ukraine
(June 7, 2014 – May 20, 2019)



Yulia Volodymyrivna Tymoshenko
(Born November 27, 1960)
13th Prime Minister of Ukraine
(December 18, 2007 – March 4, 2010)

The U.S. installed Interim Government which instituted the Civil War against the Russian-speaking Ukrainian had to pretend that the country would be led now by an elected government by the people. Presidential elections were held in on May 25th, 2014. The Pro-West, Pro-War candidate Petro Poroshenko was elected President of Ukraine. Originally, the election was to take place on March 29th, 2015, but the date was moved forward in the aftermath of the Euromaidan Revolution in February 2014.

Petro Porshenko became the Fifth President of Ukraine on June 7th, 2014. Porshenko was prowar and complied with the West's objectives. Poroshenko was one of Ukraine's richest men and owner of a sweets empire. He made an unusual promise while campaigning to be president that if he was elected, he would sell most of his business assets. He said:

"As president of Ukraine, I only want to concern myself with the good of the country and that is what I will do."

2014 Ukraine Election

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Ukraine

Poroshenko promises calm 'in hours' amid battle to control Donetsk airport

New president-elect says there will be no negotiations as Kiev launches air strikes on separatists at airport

Alec Luhn in Kiev and Shaun Walker in Donetsk
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Ukrainian helicopter gunships mounted an attack on the rebel-held international airport terminal at Donetsk on Monday. Photograph: Yannis Behrakis/Reuters

Ukraine's president-elect, Petro Poroshenko, promised to end the armed insurgency in the east of the country in "hours", as Kiev's forces launched air strikes on separatists during an intense battle to regain control of Donetsk airport which left many injured.

Poroshenko won the election with a reported 54.7% of the popular votes, which was enough to win in a single round thereby foreclosing a second run-off. His closest competitor, Yulia Tymoshenko, who many thought she would win given her former imprisonment by Yanukovich. She gained only 12.81% of the votes. The Central Election Commission reported voter turnout over 60%,

excluding, of course, the Donbas. This raised serious questions if the election had not been rigged.

The election was not held everywhere in Ukraine. During the 2014 Crimean crisis, those in Crimea were denied any right to vote, but of course, while claiming they were separatists, they should not be allowed to vote. In the Donbas region of Ukraine, only 20% of the ballot stations were allowed to be open. The government claimed there were threats and violence by pro-Russia separatists. Of the 2,430 normal ballot stations in Donbas, there were only 426 remained open for polling and those just so happened to be in the pro-Kyiv region.

Thus, here too we find that the people of Donetsk and Luhansk were denied any right to vote for they would have voted against Poroshenko who was pro-war. Curiously, in the next election of 2019, Poroshenko lost to Volodymyr Zelensky who promised to heal the country, end corruption, and the civil war – none of which he carried out.

The Russian-speaking Ukrainians are subjected to the neo-Nazi ethnic cleansing for which they were never prosecuted post-WWII. Because they hated Russians, they were embraced by the American Neocons. Thus, the Western Press will not even report the fact that these people are hated so much, denied the right to their own language and religion on top of a denial of any right to vote, then why are their human rights not worth considering? This is simply a political war against Russians which is not even any more related to Communism.

Poroshenko won the election, but found it hard to sell his company when the nation was in a civil war. He was pro-war and looked toward Europe rather than Russia. While he remains a contender in 2024 against Zelensky, it appears that the latter instigated an anti-oligarch law which Poroshenko in a November 8, 2021 video statement posted on the website of his party, European Solidarity, that he insisted that he was “forced” to sell the TV channels following the signing of a bill known as the anti-oligarch law. He also accused Zelensky, of seeking to limit freedom of speech.

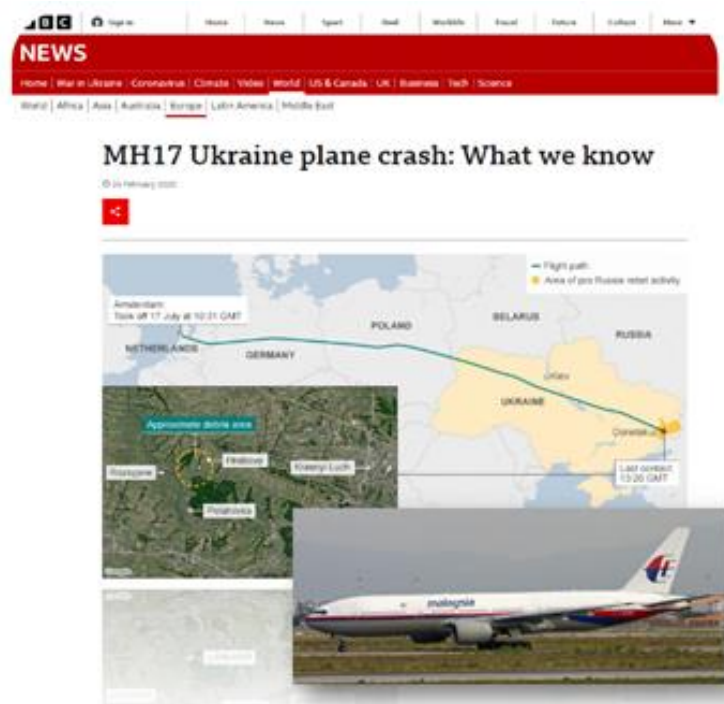
“The main reason why they came up with the so-called ‘law on oligarchs’...is for the [office of the president] to take full control of the media.”



Volodymyr Zelensky

6th President of Ukraine Assumed office May 20th, 2019

Ukrainian False Flag – MH17



Another probable neo-Nazi False Flag was staged to draw in the United States and Europe to exterminate the Russian-speaking Ukrainians on July 17th, 2014. A Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was shot down and crashed near Torez in Donetsk Oblast. MH17 was in route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur and vanished from skies

killing a total of 283 passengers, including 80 children, and 15 crew members were on board.

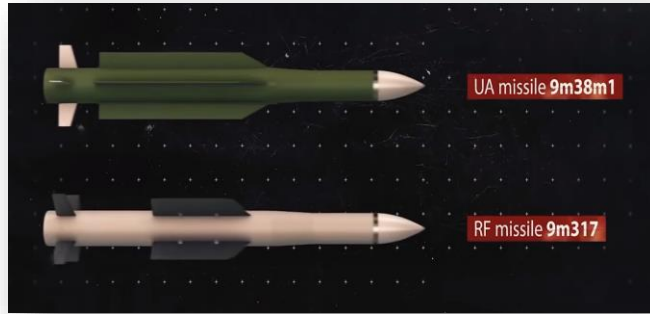


The neo-Nazis used an old Russian-made Buk missile to take down the plane. The 15-month investigation by the Dutch Safety Board (DSB) admitted that the firing on the missile could not be nailed down and projected the firing

zone was within 320 kilometers. That left a very questionable conclusion.

Ukrainian False Flag – MH17

The Russian manufacturer of the Buk missiles conducted their investigation. They concluded that the plane was shot down with their older Buk missile which was no longer in use. This certainly implied that the neo-Nazis could have also used it to create a False Flag.



Before anyone reported on the disaster, an adviser to the Ukrainian interior minister, Anton Gerashenko, posted on his Facebook page that the plane was flying at an altitude of 10,000 meters (33,000 feet) when it was “hit by a missile fired from a Buk launcher”, according to the Associated Press. Shortly thereafter reports surfaced, Malaysia Airlines tweeted it had lost contact with flight MH17 from Amsterdam.



Anton Yuriiovych Herashchenko
Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs
September 25, 2019 – August 4, 2021

All of these interesting anomalies were overlooked for it simply appeared that it was determined to blame the Russians which called into question was this a False Flag?

On May 26th, 2014 a spokesperson for the Ukrainian Armed Forces under the UNELECTED interim government, publicly stated that a surface-to-air missile system that was being used by the rebels, near Donetsk airport, had been destroyed by a helicopter of the Ukrainian army.

On June 6th, 2014 the International New York Times reported that surface-to-air missiles had been seized from military bases. Then on June 11th, 2014, the newspaper Argumenty Nedeli reported that a Buk-M1 missile launcher had been present in an area under the separatists’ control. This was followed by the June 29th, 2014 account by the Russian news agencies which reported that insurgents had obtained a Buk missile system after having taken control of Ukrainian military unit A-1402 and the Donetsk People’s Republic claimed possession of such a system. All of these reports were curiously setting the stage for the shooting down of MH17 on July 17th, 2014.

Immediately following the MH17 incident, the U.S. accused Russia and then imposed the third level of sanctions on them without any evidence. Once more,

the event appeared to be predetermined. MH17 was shot down more likely by the Ukrainian neo-Nazis with an old Russian missile. The neo-Nazis were clearly engaged in trying to draw in the U.S. to join their revolution against Russians living there in Donbas.

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Obama points finger at Russia

President decries support of rebels in wake of crash

By ANTON ZVEREV
Reuters

President Barack Obama on Friday demanded that Russia stop supporting separatists in Ukraine after the downing of a Malaysian airliner by a surface-to-air missile he said was fired from rebel territory.

Calling the deaths of almost 300 people from at least 30 countries "an outrage of unspeakable proportions," Obama stopped short of directly blaming Russia for the incident, saying there must be a rapid and credible investigation.

"We don't have time for games," he said.

More than half of the victims were Dutch, and the dead also included a number of AIDS researchers who were headed to an international conference in Australia.

Obama said a U.S. citizen was among those killed in what has become a pivotal incident in deteriorating relations between Russia and the West.

Obama ruled out U.S. military intervention but said he was prepared to further tighten sanctions.

He also said the stakes were high for Europe, a clear call for it to copy the more robust U.S. penalties on Russia already imposed.

Russia, which Obama said was letting the rebels bring in weapons, has expressed anger at implications it was to blame, saying people should not prejudge the outcome of the inquiry.

Russian President Vladimir Putin called the downing of the plane a "tragedy" but did not say who he thought was to blame.

He also called for a "thorough and unbiased" investigation and for a cease-fire to allow for negotiations.

There were no survivors from Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The United Nations said 80 of the 298 aboard the Boeing 777 were children.

The attack on the commercial airliner left bodies scattered over miles of rebel-held territory near the border with Russia.

As U.S. investigators prepared to head to Ukraine to assist in the investigation, staff from Europe's OSCE security body visited the site Friday but complained that they did not have the full access they wanted.

"We encountered armed personnel who acted in a very impolite and unprofessional manner. Some of them even looked slightly intoxicated," an OSCE spokesman said.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said at a regular news briefing in Washington that the National Transportation Safety Board and FBI would each send at least one investigator, although it was unclear when they would go.

The scale of the disaster could prove a turning point for international pressure to resolve the crisis in Ukraine, which has killed hundreds since pro-Western protests toppled the Moscow-backed president in Kiev in February and Russia annexed the Crimea Peninsula a month later.

"This outrageous event underscores that it is time for peace and security to be restored in Ukraine," Obama said, adding that Russia had failed to use its influence to curb rebel violence.

While the West has imposed sanctions on Russia over Ukraine, the United States has been more aggressive than the European Union. Analysts say the response of Germany and other EU powers to the downing of the plane could be crucial in deciding the next phase of the standoff with Moscow.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said it was too early to decide on further sanctions before it was known exactly what had happened to the plane. Britain took a similar line but later echoed Obama in pointing the finger at the separatists.

Obama spoke to Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron later Friday about the potential need for more sanctions against Russia if it fails to take steps to de-escalate the situation in Ukraine, the White House said.

The U.N. Security Council called for a "full, thorough and independent international investigation" into the downing of the plane and "appropriate accountability" for those responsible.

Kiev and Moscow blamed each other for the disaster, triggering a new phase in their propaganda war.

The plane crashed about 25 miles from the border with Russia near the regional capital of Donetsk, an area that is a stronghold of rebels who have been fighting Ukrainian government forces and have brought down military aircraft.

Leaders of the rebel/self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic denied any involvement and said a Ukrainian air force jet had brought down the inter-continental flight.

Russia's Defense Ministry later laid the blame with Ukrainian ground forces, saying it had picked up radar activity from a Ukrainian missile system south of Donetsk when the airliner was brought down, Russian media reported.

Ukraine, meanwhile, has closed air space over the east of the country as Malaysia Airlines defended its use of a route that some other carriers had been avoiding.

International air lanes had been open in the area, though only above 32,000 feet. The Malaysian plane was flying 10,000 feet higher, at the instruction of Ukrainian air traffic control, although the airline had asked to fly at 35,000 feet.



WIN McNAMEE/GETTY PHOTO

President Barack Obama on Friday called the deaths of 298 people aboard Flight MH-17 "an outrage."

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The Russian separatists had no motive to shoot down that flight and it was not over Russian territory. Nevertheless, Obama imposed sanctions on Russia anyway. It appears to have been yet another False Flag to try to blame Russia by the very Ukrainian neo-Nazis and Obama immediately blamed Russia and imposed sanctions without ever any honest investigation.

The Ukrainian Holy War



Patriarch Filaret
(Mykhailo A. Denysenko)
Patriarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church
(born 1929; 1995–2018; 2019–present)

On September 6th, 2014, an official statement was made illustrating the religious battle that was also unfolding. The Patriarch Filaret, who heads the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyivan Patriarchate, came out and said that the Russian President Vladimir Putin has fallen under the spell of Satan and faces eternal damnation to hell unless he repents. Of course, this was a political ploy to demonize Putin and convince the troops that they were fighting now in a holy war. But it was more. The Ukrainian Church was also infected by this hatred of Russians. They wanted not just that Ukraine would be free, but that their church would become independent and not subject to Moscow.

What is NOT being reported is that Volodymyr Zelensky had also proposed the draft Law of Ukraine No. 7204 of March 22, 2022 “***On Banning the Moscow Patriarchate on the Territory of Ukraine***”, published on the VR website. This is a religious revolution

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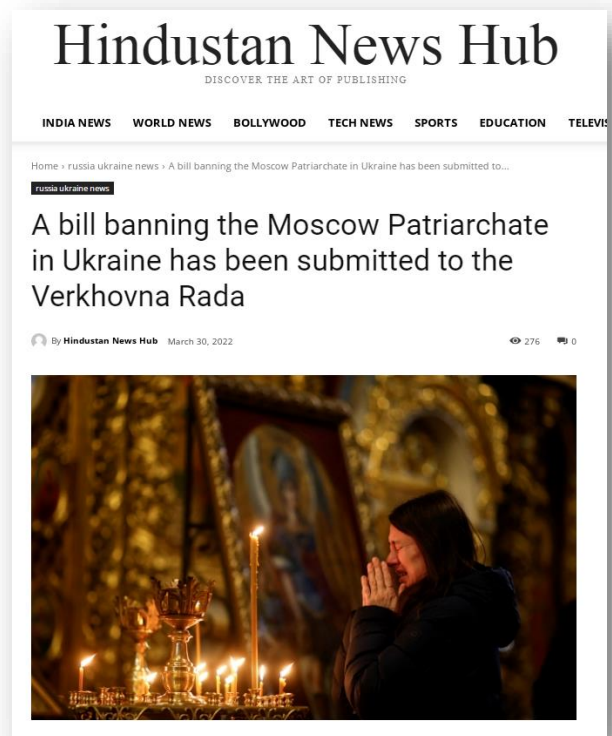
as well and its author is Oksana Savchuk, a deputy who entered the Rada on the lists of the All-Ukrainian Association “Svoboda” – the neo-Nazi party in district No. 83 (Ivano–Frankivsk).

This neo-Nazi hatred of Russians moved to even usurp the religion and ban in Ukraine the Moscow Patriarchate – the Russian Orthodox Church and religious organizations that are part of it, “including the Ukrainian Orthodox Church”.

This is like King Henry VIII (1509–1547) who seized the Catholic Church, stole all its wealth, and created the Church of England eliminating the Pope. Noe Zelensky is doing the same to terminate the Moscow Patriarchate as the head of the church in Ukraine showing the neo-Nazi hatred of Russians knows no bounds. This would be like the Jews seizing control of the Temple Mount and outlawing Islam.



Henry VIII
(b: 1491; King 1509–1547)



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to the Moscow Patriarchate which was an insult to the very foundation of their religion.

Indeed, historically, you have to go back to 988AD. In what is now Crimea, Prince Vladimir (Volodymyr in Ukrainian) chose to be baptized into the official Christian faith of the Byzantine Empire. According

to legend, Vladimir made this decision after his envoys to Constantinople visited Hagia Sophia and described for him the Orthodox liturgy, with its engagement of the physical senses and direction of them to God's holy presence. *"We no longer knew whether we were in heaven or on earth,"* they exclaimed. When Vladimir returned to Kiev, his warriors and their families were baptized en masse in the Dnieper River.



Construction of St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Kiev, 1895

Prince Vladimir facing, holding cross, Cathedral in background
View of the mother cathedral of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church



Sophia Paleologa
(c. 1440-1503)

Both Ukrainians and Russians regard these events as birthing their culture. Vladimir's Christianity unified disparate, rival tribes into one people. From that moment on, Orthodox Christianity would shape the art, architecture, music, literature, and thinking of the Eastern Slavs.

The fall of Byzantium in 1453 also impacted Russia. The niece of the last Byzantine Emperor Constantine XI (b 1404; 1449 – died on the Walls May 29th, 1453), Sophia Paleologa (1455–1503), fled to Russia and married Ivan III the Great (1452–1505). Sophia brought her court with her, making the critical contribution that set Russia on the course to world recognition with the knowledge of the greatest empire that ever existed. Sophia brought

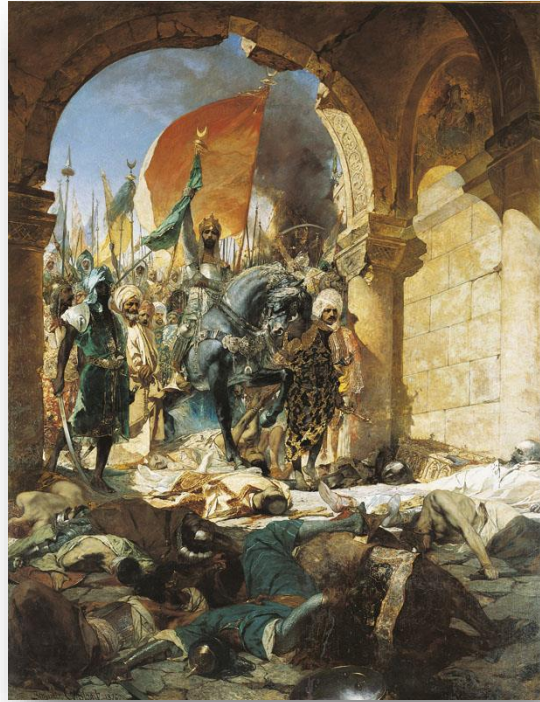
her culture from ancient Rome and inspired the Greek Orthodox religion to dominate Russia. Moscow became the seat of Greek Orthodox Christianity where much of it had fled from the Turkish invasion.

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Therefore, the Fall of Constantinople had the profound effect of then spreading Roman culture and knowledge not only that the earth was round, but mathematics. This long-lost knowledge rekindled Western Europe including Russia. Schools of learning began to appear in Rome reviving ideas, concepts, and research long since forgotten. This recovered knowledge of the past led to the Age of Enlightenment broadening the arts and science that gave birth to so much in so many areas.

In the Middle Ages, Mongol-Tartars swept across these lands, laying waste to Kiev. When the princes of Muscovy threw off the Mongol-Tatar yoke, Moscow emerged to replace Kiev as the center of Slavic Orthodoxy, and those princes laid claim to the idea of Holy Rus'. The Islamic conquest of Constantinople in 1453 further strengthened Moscow's conviction that it had inherited the mantle of defender of true Christianity. The mythology of Moscow as the Third Rome was born.

The Vladimir Mother of God is one of Russian Orthodoxy's most beloved icons. It is now in Moscow's Tretyakov Gallery and it represents this journey of Orthodoxy into Russia. According to legend, the apostle Luke painted the icon. It came to Constantinople in the fifth century, to Kiev in 1130, to Vladimir (northeast of Moscow) in 1155, and to Moscow in 1395.





St. George Cathedral - Lviv, Ukraine

Because there was no Ukraine, Kiev became borderlands under the domination of various rival European powers: Austro-Hungarian, Polish-Lithuanian, and Russian. Ukrainian identity was not solidified. The Western lands of today's Ukraine were under Polish Catholic influence. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church became dominant retaining some aspects of Eastern Orthodox forms of worship but it was aligned to the West with the Pope.

When Stalin targeted Ukrainian nationalism after World War II, he liquidated this church entirely and many were forced underground. The majority were forced to become Russian Orthodox to be assimilated. During the Bolshevik Revolution and the civil war that followed, religion was forced underground when the communists took control.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, religion became complicated. The Ukrainian Orthodox and Greek Catholic churches recovered legal status. Within the Russian Orthodox Church, a pro-Ukrainian faction declared its independence from the Moscow Patriarchate. However, this was not recognized by any of the world's Orthodox churches. There remains this conflict within modern Ukraine where about one-third of the Orthodox churches remain loyal to the Moscow Patriarchate but this is a civil war within the Orthodox Churches itself. This is what Putin was referring to.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
in the Church of St. George in Istanbul

Post-Euromaidan, President Poroshenko and the Ukrainian parliament appealed to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Istanbul to decree an autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU). Bartholomew granted that status in 2018. Poroshenko's slogan became, "*One Army, One Church, One People.*" Ukrainian Orthodox churches have been enlisted in this civil war displaying the Ukrainian flag and raising funds for the Ukrainian army.

This was an act of religious war putting Putin in the middle. The Moscow Patriarchate cut off all relations with the ecumenical patriarch. In Ukraine, each church body has accused the other of stealing parishes. This has only intensified the resentment between Ukraine and Russia.

Putin's declared support for "traditional" religious values resonates with many Ukrainians as well as Russians. With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, neither church really calls for peace. In both respects, this is a religious civil war as well as political.

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In 2014, Nigel Farage stood up in the European Union Parliament²⁰ and warned that the European Union (EU) encouraged the revolution in Ukraine by saying they wanted them to join the EU. The people overthrew Yanukovych in the 2014 Euromaidan Revolution and there were people waving EU flags during the protest. That began the demands of Donetsk and Luhansk to separate and establish their own republics for they were Russian-speaking Ukrainians v neo-Nazis who had seized control of the Kyiv government.

Nigel also warned that NATO had expressed that they would like Ukraine to join. NATO even sent troops to Ukraine to conduct training exercises. Nigel stood up and asked if we really wanted to poke the bear with a stick? If so, we should not be surprised if he reacts.



Then in December 2016, Lindsey Graham and John McCain were in Ukraine promising that their fight against Russia was America's fight and they would return to Washington to push "the case against Russia."²¹

²⁰ <https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/war/farage-warned-everyone-we-were-moving-to-war-with-russia-in-2014/>

²¹ <https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/russia/the-russian-mindset-failing-to-understand/>

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That is also why John McCain conspired with Hillary Clinton to hand her fake Russian dossier to James Comey at the FBI which began the disinformation against



Trump. McCain and Hillary were fellow Neocons and they knew the game of politics well. Whatever you said in public was never real. You lie to the voters and then do as you like for you have a public and private policy.²² Thus, McCain and Hillary were in different parties, but for Neocons, that was just a footnote. The real

²² <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/8/hillary-clinton-says-she-has-both-public-and-priv/>

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agenda was always destroying Russia and China.



I was invited in March 2020 to a dinner at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago. It was very private and my phone was sequestered so there could be no recording or taking photos. What I was impressed about was Trump explained he was going to pull troops out of Afghanistan. He said he hated to write letters to families to explain

their sons died in a foreign land for no reason. He said that they were fighting over borders for a thousand years. What difference would we make?



John Bolton, a staunch Neocon, was installed in Trump's Administration as many others who were there to stab him in the back every chance they got. Bolton said that it would be a "huge mistake" to withdraw the bulk of U.S. troops stationed

in Afghanistan by next year, which was reported by October 19th, 2020. Bolton accused Trump in his book of explicitly tying U.S. security aid to Ukraine to an investigation of Hunter Biden and his connections in Ukraine.

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Victoria Nuland, the Assistant Secretary of State

David Kramer, a long-term associate of John McCain and on the McCain Foundation, also provided ongoing updates to Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson, former MI6 spy and dossier author Christopher Steele, and other members of the media regarding McCain's meeting with FBI Director James Comey. It was McCain who met directly to discuss the dossier. Kramer said in his deposition²³ that McCain instructed him to meet with the notorious Neocon Victoria Nuland, the assistant secretary of state for Europe and Eurasian Affairs, and Russian Affairs Director Celeste Wallander. It was Nuland who was there at Maidan handing out free food to the protesters.



²³ https://www.theepochtimes.com/deposition-reveals-late-senator-mccains-role-in-spygate-scandal_2840198.html

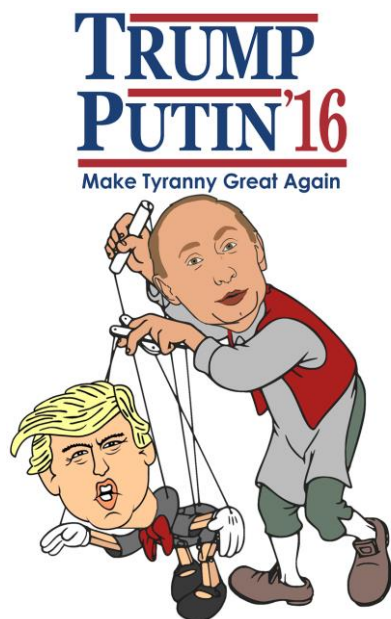
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The purpose of the meeting was to verify whether the dossier “was being taken seriously.” Both Nuland and Wallander were previously aware of the dossier’s existence, and both officials previously knew Steele, whom “they believed to be credible.” Kramer said he didn’t physically share the dossier with them at this point, but met again with Wallander, a National Security Council member, “around New Year’s” and “gave her a copy of the document.” Nuland had actually received a copy of the earlier Steele memos back in July 2016.



Victoria Nuland Handing Out Food in Maidan

John McCain and the Neocons hated Trump because, like John F. Kennedy, he too was against war. Both McCain and Graham were anti-Trump Neocons over Russia despite being Republicans. It did not matter what the domestic economic conditions were. The objective was to destroy Russia and China. McCain supported Hillary for President – not Trump – because of Russia.



The entire “Russiagate” as it became known, had the objective of creating the image that Russia was the mortal enemy. They used the fake Steele Dossier to pound the airwaves that Trump was a puppet of Putin. Thus, they were laying the groundwork to get rid of Trump so they could wage their endless wars, and to manipulate the public into believing that Russia interfered in the 2016 election and it truly belonged to Hillary.

The National Review wrote back in 2017²⁴ how this propaganda by the Neocons creating Russiagate worked in gaining support for their long-desired war. They reported:

“No one doubts that Vladimir Putin’s Russia is no ally of the U.S. But rivalry is quite a different notion than returning to the Cold War, when enemies faced each other down with arsenals of nuclear missiles. Quite strangely, the supposedly pacifist Left now seems to welcome that dangerous polarity.”

²⁴ <https://www.nationalreview.com/2017/08/left-red-scare-democrats-suddenly-hate-russia/>

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The allegations that Russia interfered in the 2016 election succeeded in getting 70% of Democrats to view Russia was the enemy. The Neocons was rolling in their glory. They were getting the public to accept that Russia was evil and the next step – they had to be destroyed, which brings us to Ukraine and manipulating the opinion for war.



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70 percent of Americans view Russia as their enemy: survey

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The polls in 2022 as reported by the Hill showed that 70% of ALL Americans now viewed Russia as their enemy. The Neocons have risen to their glory. My concern is that they have seriously misjudged the crisis and thing they can threaten China to allow Russia to be defeated and then patiently wait for the Neocons to turn on them.

This is not a war that is going to simply be a war against Russia. You better include all the Chinese and Russian allies which include not just Iran and North Korea, but many other states including Serbia as well as in the Middle East. I do not see why Ukraine fights to keep two Russian provinces when this is just a throwback to 19th-century imperialism because of borders. They hate the people there and regard them as less human for being ethnically Russian.



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Britain's heir to the throne, Prince Charles, joined the one-sided fray accusing Russia of ***“brutal aggression”*** in attacking ***“freedom itself,”*** but never acknowledging the civil war and the separatist movement in Ukraine denying

Donbas region freedom from the Kyiv Neo-Nazi movement and the historical quest for ethnic cleansing.²⁵

Yet oblivious to the world is that China suddenly entered into ***“friendly”*** relations with North Korea²⁶ who then fired off a missile test that day. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei said the war in Ukraine should be stopped — but accused the U.S. of

creating the conflict. ***“Basically, the US regime creates crises, lives off of crises and feeds on various crises in the world. Ukraine is another victim of this policy.”***

Khamenei also said in a televised speech: ***“In my view, Ukraine is a victim of the crises concocted by the United States.”*** Instead of negotiation, it seems name calling is preferred.

Many people are painting Putin as evil and some have even claimed that Zelensky should be nominated for the Noble Peace Prize for what! Yet Zelensky has been refusing to negotiate in good faith or comply with the terms of the Minsk Agreement. He has been asking every country to violate all international agreement. He has asked for NATO to send in troops and asked for war planes from everyone else. Instead of just



²⁵ <https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/prince-charles-condemns-russian-invasion-ukraine>

²⁶ <https://thehill.com/policy/international/331895-china-says-it-wants-friendly-relations-with-north-korea-report/>

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letting the Donbas go, he wants to inflict death and destruction upon the entire world. Zelensky has had the audacity to claim this is already World War III.

From his bunker in Kyiv, Zelensky gave an exclusive interview with CNN and Reuters in which he expressed his desire for Biden to make a "useful" statement on the situation during his State of the Union speech. Zelensky has been calling world leaders desperately trying to get the world involved in war rather than simply relinquish the Donbas which

would remove Putin's justification to invade Ukraine. But Zelensky has been pushing every button and pushes the Neo-Nazi agenda never to allow Donbas to leave Ukraine or the Russian-speaking Ukrainians to have any possible equal rights in Ukraine so just leave.

The American Neocons keep painting Putin as evil so people will not listen to anything he says. Apparently, an official Russian statement to the UN Security Council on May 13th, 2022, that they would use articles 5 and 6 of the Convention on the Prohibition of Bioweapons to investigate the Pentagon's biological "experiments" in Ukraine as reported by Al Mayadeen news. The story was not widely reported for they told the Western press it was just "Russian disinformation" like the Hunter Biden laptop.



Senator Marco Rubio questioned Victoria Nuland on the existence of biolabs in Ukraine. She admitted that there were "Biolab research facilities" that she was concerned that Russian troops would seek to gain control of. The Senate did backflips in a desperate effort to undo that testimony pretending that there is a distinction between a Biolab for Research and a Biolab for research of weapons.

Yet Putin has been the ONLY leader demanding that Ukraine stop the neo-Nazis and the horror they are inflicting on civilian in the Donbas and to stop the civil war. Russian-speaking Ukrainians have been burned alive, and even crucified. But the West has been indoctrinated by the Neocons who want war and refuse to listen.

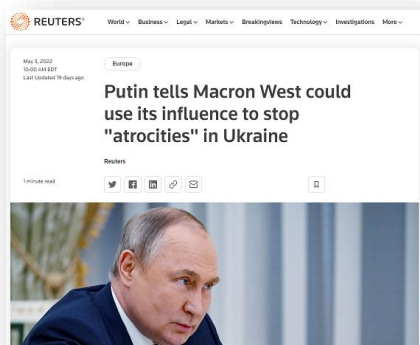
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The **ONLY** way to avoid World War III is for Zelensky to surrender the Donbas. Dragging in the entire world is simply not an option. Cheering Zelensky as some sort of hero is not the solution here. He has put his own people in harm's way and deliberately started this war by asking to join NATO & announcing he will redeploy nuclear weapons.



French former Marine returns from Ukraine shocked

Speaking to French radio station Sud Radio, Adrien Bocquet said he had witnessed *"a lot of war crimes"* but all were committed by Ukrainian soldiers and not by Russian soldiers. He confirmed that that Europe was sending weapons to Ukrainian neo-Nazis. They wear all kinds of Nazi symbols on their uniforms. They do not hide these symbols. What is more, they boast about them, he said.



"I worked with them and gave them medicine. Do you know what they said? That they would skin Jews or blacks if they had the chance." This certainly does not align with the mainstream narrative of saving "democracy" and "our values" in Ukraine.

"People can say whatever they want. I was there. I saw what happened there." He said he has made many dozens of videos of war crimes. He saw in a barn Russian prisoner of war who had been beaten and tied up. "Fighters from the Azov battalion asked them

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who the officers were. Each Russian soldier was shot in the knees with a Kalashnikov. I have videos that prove it, otherwise I would not dare to say such a thing."

Officers were immediately shot in the head. "That's how it goes, at least in the Azov battalion," the French ex-marine said. He adds that he had seen an American cameraman blatantly staging footage and the Ukrainian army hiding ammunition in homes at night without informing civilians.



Indeed, the Western Press are not reporting the truth about anything. The elite Canadian Sharpshooter known as Walli made headlines that he was going to Ukraine to support democracy, returned to Quebec, Canada telling local media that his experience there was a "**terrible disappointment**." He claimed there was poor training and heavy losses among the Ukrainians, but there was profiteering and desertion in the ranks.

Walli was described by Spanish media²⁷ as "**the best sniper in the world**" and praised by the New York Post²⁸ for "**grabbing anti-tank missiles in a warehouse to kill real people**." But he told La Presse²⁹ that his Ukrainian commanders initially "didn't know what to do" with foreign fighters like himself. He grew tired of waiting for an opportunity to fight, so he joined the 'Norman Brigade,' which was a private

²⁷ <https://english.elpais.com/international/2022-04-12/walis-third-war-the-canadian-sniper-who-could-not-say-no-to-ukraine.html>

²⁸ <https://nypost.com/2022/03/09/elite-canadian-sniper-joins-ukraine-in-fight-against-russia/>

²⁹ <https://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/2022-05-06/retour-du-tireur-d-elite-wali/la-guerre-c-est-une-deception-terrible.php>

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unit led by another former soldier from Quebec. He said that the weapons and armor promised never showed up. He reported that about 60 members of the brigade have since deserted. Others told La Presse that some soldiers "schemed" to steal a \$500,000 shipment of American-supplied weapons and form their own unit. The speculation is that the American weapons going to Ukraine may find themselves on the black market as was the case in Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq.



I'm received an email from a Russian-speaking Ukrainian in the Donbas which alleged: *"But for 8 years, since 2014, the Ukrainian government has murdered and bombed Russian people there. Especially the cities (Donetsk and Lugansk) that refused to accept the fascist government that the United States and the European Union imposed ... in 2014 with blood and violence."* The writer continued and said:

"A few months ago, Zelensky, who is now the pro-Western president of Ukraine, honored and recognized a famous terrorist / fascist as a Ukrainian hero.

Dmytro Kotsyubaylo is a member of the right-wing sector and the goal of his life, which he says himself is to kill as many Russians as possible.

In several interviews, Dmytro has said openly that his caged pet wolf he feeds with bones from Russian-speaking children. About 20 million people are in eastern and southern Ukraine."

I try to listen to both sides and sort out the facts from the twisted lies. I verified that Dmytro Kotsyubaylo did indeed tell the press that he feeds the bones of Russian-speaking children to his pet wolf. The Indian Express³⁰ reported:

In Avdiivka, a volunteer unit of Ukraine's ultranationalist Right Sector keeps a pet wolf in a cage outside the commander's office. The commander, Dmytro Kotsyubaylo — his nom de guerre is Da Vinci — jokes that the fighters feed it the bones of Russian-speaking children, a reference to Russian state media tropes about the evils of Ukrainian nationalists.

³⁰ <https://indianexpress.com/article/world/threat-russian-state-ukrainians-alarmed-troops-mass-doorstep-7281256/>

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Nevertheless, the Western press is so biased against Putin, nobody will even listen to the other side. I can confirm that Zelensky enacted the Ukrainian-only language, whereas Yanukovych wanted both languages to be official. But nobody will report the war crimes of the Ukrainian soldiers against the civilians of the Donbas.

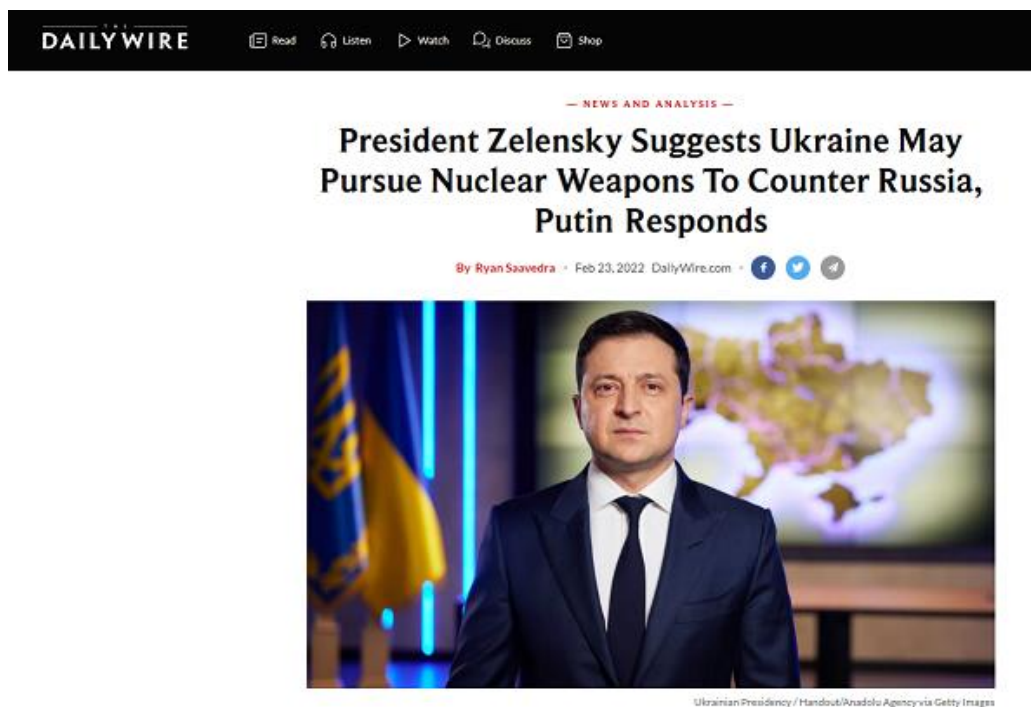
I have watched video of Ukrainian Azov battalion

crucifying a Russian soldier nailing him to a cross, and then setting him on fire. They are PROUD of these acts. The Ukrainian neo-Nazis were NEVER punished for their crimes in World War II. They were protected by the American CIA.

None of this will EVER appear in the Western Press because American Neocons wish they could be doing this themselves. This is not conspiracy theory. The West is on the wrong side of history here BECAUSE the Neocons simply hate all Russian people. These are some very sick individuals and they manipulate society with the American Press who bow to their every command. These are the people we are to send our boys over to die fight for their insane agenda.



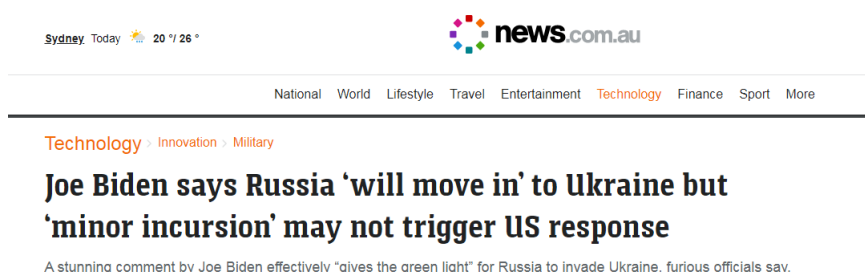
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While everyone is cheering Zelensky, the agreements since 1994 was that Ukraine would relinquish its nuclear weapons in return for security agreements. Zelensky has broken every agreement and this had this guy every award they can simply because they have been brainwashed into hating Russians. When Zelensky was elected, it promised to end corruption and the civil war. He has grown fantastically

rich and propelled the world toward its destruction all for a region that was historically Russian and the people do not regard themselves as Ukrainian. What Joe

Biden meant by saying that a Russian invasion of Ukraine would NOT invoke a U.S.



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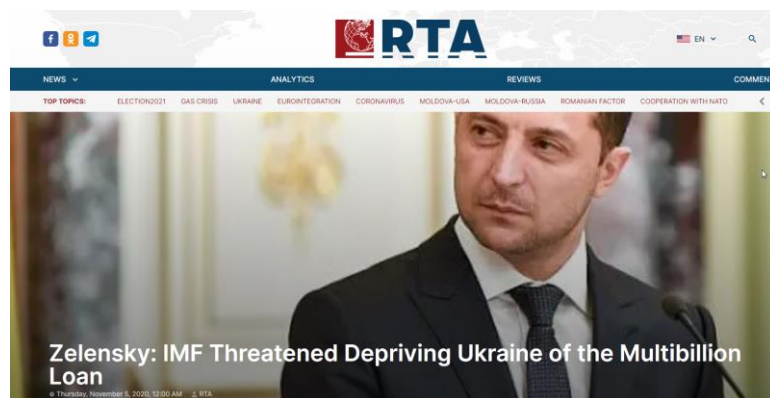
response of it was a “minor incursion” meaning that if it was only retaking the Donbas, that would not warrant World War III. Zelensky has done his best to try to create World War III.

Zelensky cut off all the water supply to Crimea before Putin's invasion while he has been shelling the Donbas. He wants Crimea back because there are gas reserves under that region. None of this is being reported by the mainstream press. Crimea sits on top of vast gas fields which he wants desperately to compete with Russia.

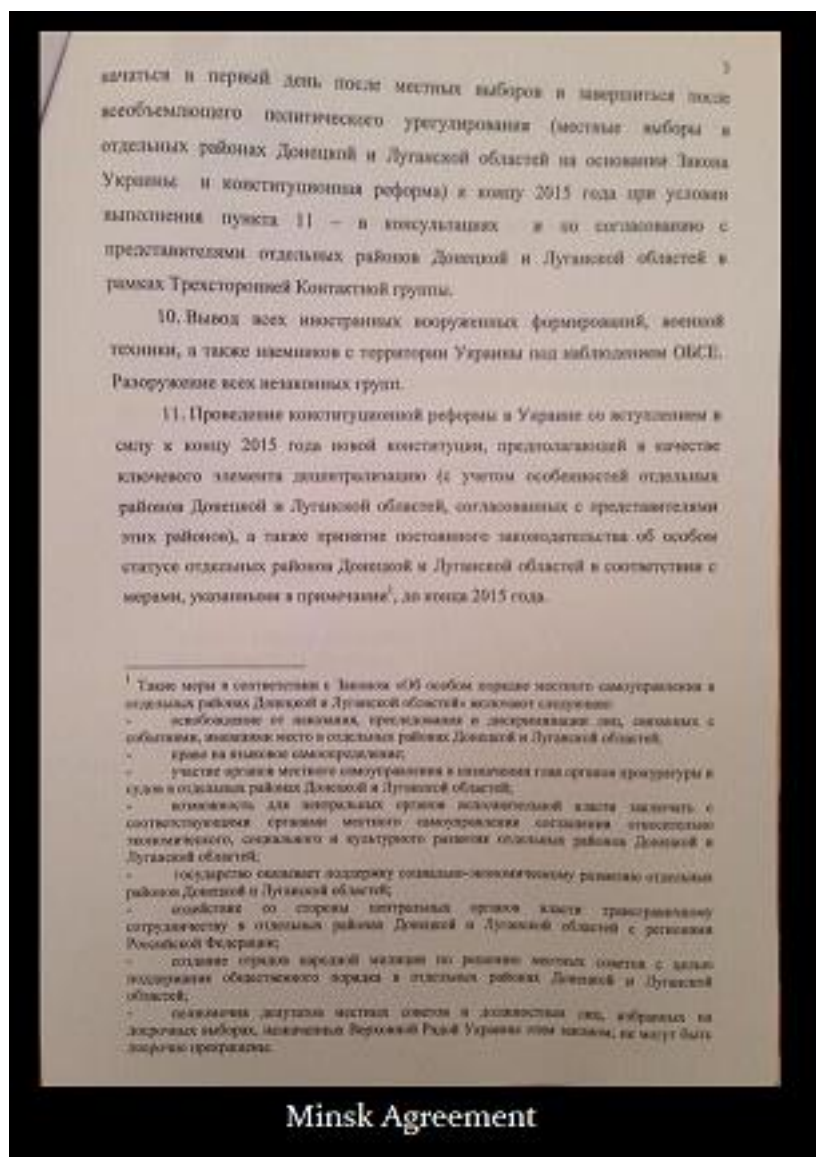


This is the man leading Ukraine who everyone worships and anyone who dares to speak against him is cancelled. Zelensky is an actor and he is playing the role beautifully. Money that is pouring into Ukraine is not reaching the people. This is the same man who appears in his underwear on stage and is now asking the entire world to attack Russia and risk World War III while he fills his pockets.

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Ukrainian culture is deeply corrupt. Zelensky ran for election promising to end corruption. When the IMF wanted to hold back money because there was a lack of reform, Zelensky claimed the war was more important so give me the money.



Section 4 of the Agreement expressly provided for elections in the Donbas. This is what Zelensky has refused to honor.

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4. On the first day after the withdrawal, to begin a dialogue on the procedures for holding local elections in accordance with Ukrainian law and the Law of Ukraine "On a temporary order of local government in individual areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions," as well as on the future regime of these areas, according to this Act.

Immediately, no later than 30 days from the date of signing of this document, to adopt a resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with the specification of a territory subject to the special regime in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On temporary order of local government in some regions of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions" based on the line set in a Minsk memorandum of September 19, 2014

Simple Solution

Zelensky could have saved his country and the world by allowing Donbas to vote if he believes in what he claims is freedom and DEMOCRACY. That also means they too have a right to vote and to disagree with the Kyiv government just as they overthrew Yanukovych who was a Russian-speaking Ukrainian.

The obvious simple solution to allow democracy in the Donbas would have save so many lives and not propel the world into this nightmare of World War III. If Donbas voted to join with Russia, that would have called Putin to end his military support for the

Donbas. He clearly had no desire to conquer Ukraine for he did not invade with the required troop strength and he never took out their power, communications, or water. That is the standard military response for an invasion. Ukraine has been critical to Russian gas supplies to Europe. There is concern that this war was also to cut off the energy for Europe to force them to abandon fossil fuels.

16% of natural gas consumed in Europe flows through Ukraine

Major natural gas transit pipelines flowing through Ukraine



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, IHS EDIN, and International Energy Agency
Note: Representations of international boundaries and names are not authoritative.

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Zelensky has put his entire nation at stake simply to hold on to the Donbas which consists of ethnic Russians which the Ukrainians hate with their last breath. I know, I have friend on both sides and those in Kyiv will not even take a connecting flight through Moscow.



You can scream that Putin is evil all you want. That will not stop the war, and then you must ask is this worth seeing your own family die on the battlefields of Ukraine? What is to gain other than bragging points for world leaders?

We have a very serious problem. Biden and other world leaders are listening to Bill Browder telling them to seize all the assets of Putin's alleged "friends" to put pressure on him — their yachts, bank accounts, houses – everything! It is Bill Browder who was Safra's partner in Hermitage Capital Management which was alleged to be deeply involved in the corruption of Russia.

Putin wanted to question Browder back in 2018 – not kill him – because he was Safra's partner. Browder is telling world leaders now to confiscate all Russian assets belonging to Oligarchs. Biden has even proposed selling those assets and handing the cash to Zelensky.



Let me make this very clear. This is a complete abandonment of international law and the absence of any Due Process of Law, which has been the cornerstone of law globally. Due Process is based upon the Bible where the story of Cain & Able. God knows what happened; Cain killed his brother. Nonetheless, he still allows him

the right to be heard and explain his side of the issue. That is not only what we have denied the Donbas people, but now the West will simply seize all the assets of Russians they can find denying any right to Due Process of Law.

What is the Repercussion of Such Acts?

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We are not simply looking at World War III beginning in the financial markets. The reason we agreed to rules of war and to prohibit torture was because when our troops are captured, they too will be tortured. As the Ukrainians are crucifying Russian soldier and think this is fun, there is no consideration for retaliation on the same level.

Hence, just confiscating assets of private citizens because their government is at war is a very dangerous precedent. This is one **SERIOUS** warning to Chinese investors that they too can have all their assets seized in a dispute with the West. Remember how anyone of Japanese heritage was imprisoned during World War II and denied all Due Process, simply based solely on their ethnicity? Even Japanese born in the United States were imprisoned simply based on their race.

This is the most **DANGEROUS** advice in history. It is totally destroying the world economy as we know it. Foreign investment in Russia can be seized, as is the case in China. This introduces Country Risk and as a result, it prevents international investment.

COUNTRY RISK

This confiscation of private assets based upon a dispute between nations is crossing the line and introducing Country Risk – the first decision one makes on international investment. You certainly will not invest in Iran following their confiscation of all Western oil facilities. This introduces the same risk. There **MUST** be a distinction between private assets and those government in such international conflicts. Always remember. Whatever you do to them, they can do to you.

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This will have major implications on all global markets. Clearly, this illustrates what morons we have in government. It never crosses their mind how many mutual funds and pension funds have global investments that have included Russian resources. Confiscate private Russian assets and they will be justified to retaliate in kind. Those serious investors from China who have bought real estate in the West must be deeply concerned about the future. This is wiping out the world economy and the risk that this will spread is considerable in the years ahead.



The foundation of international investment requires a stable **rule of law**. In order to attract capital. There must be honest **rule of law** otherwise capital will never be safe. Once the **rule of law** crumbles into bias and corruption, as we are witnessing today, the global economy and economic growth declines.

Edward Gibbon wrote in his classic, Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire:

"...the intolerable weight of taxes, rendered still more oppressive by the intricate or arbitrary modes of collection; the obscurity of numerous and contradictory laws; the tedious and expensive forms of judicial proceedings; the partial administration of justice; and the universal corruption, which increased the influence of the rich, and aggravated the misfortunes of the poor. "

Book III, Chapter 34



The Code of Hammurabi Black Basalt Stele - Louvre

Contract Law actually began in Babylon. Hammurabi's legal code which required all agreements to be written down terminating verbal contracts. People simply could not be trusted and nothing has changed in thousands of years. When we consider about investing in Britain or Europe, we do not even consider "**Country Risk**" because it is assumed the **Rule of Law** is stable. That is what has changed with these sanctions championed by the Biden Administration. It appears that we have a complete crop of people in government that just respond without any understanding of the implications.

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Tackling Tax Havens

The billions attracted by tax havens do harm to sending and receiving nations alike

Nicholas Shaxson

Christine Lagarde while at the IMF was threatening countries to turn over all people with bank accounts in their tax havens or they would be removed from the **SWIFT** (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) system, which would disable them to receive or transfer funds with any country. The IMF even threatened the Vatican to deny it access to the **SWIFT** system shutting their ability to even send money unless they too turned over information with regard to ALL money transfers reporting the origin and destination of every movement of money. She was the ruthless unelected dictator of the world installed by Klaus Schwab and the World Economic Forum.



Christine Lagarde
(born 1956)

Chairwoman of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

As previously mentioned, Obama attempted to remove Russia from the **SWIFT** system over Crimea back in 2014. The international payments financial organization **SWIFT** refused to cut off Russia from all international financial flows and stood up to Obama at that time. The organization announced that they had received appropriate policy prompts. However, it would not be forced to violate international laws for Obama.

Today, **SWIFT** has abandoned its neutrality when its leadership changed in 2019 yielding to politicization of the world economy by the Biden Administration. **SWIFT** was founded in the 1970s as a cooperative of thousands of member institutions that use the service. Based in Belgium, it had always been politically neutral in trade disputes and politics. Something has changed under its new leadership since 2019 for it no longer is. being run principally as a service to its members.

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There are about 11,000 financial institutions in the **SWIFT** system. According to the Russian National **SWIFT** Association, Russia has the second-largest number of users after the U.S., with some 300 Russian financial institutions in the system, more than half of Russia's financial institutions. Banning Russia from **SWIFT** would be a serious blow to not just the Russia, but to the world economy since no debt or trade finance payments could be transacted. While the **SWIFT** organization which once stood up against Obama has yielded to this rising new world order, they have also signed their own death warrant.



Javier Pérez-Tasso

Chief Executive Officer, SWIFT



Consequently, China will surpass the United States and the West as the largest economy. Those in power seem to be delusional at best and fail to grasp the seriousness of their actions.

China has been working on their own system to compete with SWIFT and this the abandonment of all neutrality by SWIFT has clearly demonstrated that they can no longer be trusted. Hence, China's alternative system is moving full speed ahead. This is dividing the world economy

and even the IMF has warned that this is threatening the dollar as the reserve currency of the world.

It now appears that the **SWIFT** system, which is a Belgium-based cooperative of banks that provides the means to communicate rapidly, securely, and inexpensively, may end up having to be replaced by 2024/2025 or at the very minimum it will be thrust into a second-rate system.



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SANCTIONS

Never in all my career have I ever witnessed such stupidity. While the majority are cheering the sanctions imposed on oligarchs, nobody seems to realize that what goes around, comes around. We have the worst crop of world

politicians probably in human history from Biden and Trudeau to people like Macron and Johnson, all the way to the totally incompetent leader of Ukraine – Zelensky. While the world blames Putin, not a single voice is willing to assign any responsibility to Zelensky or even just answer the question why has he refused to yield?

France has seized the yacht belonging to Igor Sechin, on the simple grounds that he is a top Putin ally and the head of state oil firm Rosneft, according to Bloomberg. While this will bring cheers from the peanut gallery that hates Putin, they seem to think that this is a one-sided game. Both Russia and China have vast amounts of American and European investment when we had a world economy.

The hatred of Russia in the United States has been propagated by the Neocons for they always need an enemy. This is true of NATO as well. If there was peace with Russia, then why have NATO? NATO also has a self-interest in maintaining a Cold War to justify their very existence.



Neocons & Endless Wars



There is a question which always arises – What is a Neocon? My definition of a Neocon has NOTHING to do with the economics, free markets, or anti-socialism. There are Neocons who only see war and hatred who are on BOTH sides Republican and Democrat. They work together on the common ground of pure hatred of an agreed upon enemy. Neocons exist in all countries. There are Neocons in China, Russia, and the neo-Nazis in Ukraine also only want war.

Sergei Lavrov, the Russian Foreign Minister, has come out regarding Ukraine and said:

"This is not about Ukraine at all, but the world order. The current crisis is a fateful, epoch-making moment in modern history. It reflects the battle over what the world order will look like."

There is no black and white. Neocons' lives are filled with hate. Neocons have been behind the endless wars from Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Iraq, Korea, and Vietnam. They cannot sleep at night worrying about an enemy. The Biden Administration is dominated by Neocons and behind Putin there are Neocons who also want him to be far more aggressive. They would nuke Kyiv in the blink of an eye, pound their chest, and say OK! Who's next?



Robert McNamara (1916 – 2009) was a leading Neocon during the 1960s who pushed the country into the Vietnam war. He was famous for saying:

"I learned early on never answer the question that is asked of you. Answer the question that you wish had been asked of you. And quite frankly, I follow that rule. It's a very good rule."

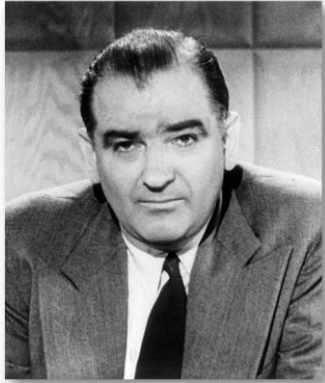
However, before he died, he finally admitted that they were wrong particularly in their assessment of Russia as a threat and that Vietnam was a civil war – not democracy v communism.³¹ The perception that Russia is a threat is still dominating the agenda today. The propaganda that Putin is a KGB guy who wants to re-establish the Soviet Empire is absurd. In the 22 years of power, he has neither tried to re-establish communism nor has he sought to retake the old Soviet states.

While many Vets were insulted by McNamara saying he was wrong, his point was that there were lessons to be learned from those mistakes that need to be considered today.



³¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0enCCGBW3xc&t=19s>

The Neocons know that getting you to hate Putin, they can use that to justify war. There is no justice in war. Even Wikipedia includes that Vietnamese never fired on us and Democratic President Johnson remarked after lying to the nation that for all he knew, they may have been shooting at wales that night. As McNamara explained, they thought it was a war against Communism.



Joseph Raymond McCarthy
(1908–1957)

To put this in context, I remember growing up in the '50s and we would have drills in school to hide under our desks in case of a nuclear attack from Russia. Of course, it was a paranoia created by the Neocon Joseph McCarthy (1908–1957) who was a Republican politician who served as a U.S. Senator from the state of Wisconsin from 1947 until his death in 1957.

McCarthy managed to turn the United States into a witch hunt for Communists who were everywhere. Communists were the greatest threat to mankind as the propaganda went. The term "McCarthyism" was first uttered on May 3rd, 1950 by Owen Lattimore (1900–1989) who was an American influential scholar of China and Central Asia. During the 1930s, he was editor of Pacific Affairs, and then taught at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, from 1938 to 1963. He was called as a witness before the Congressional Committee and was charged with perjury. He lashed out that this was a witch hunt thereby coining the phrase.

The TV journalist Edward R. Murrow (1908–1965), which was broadcast on March 9th, 1954. Titled "A Report on Senator Joseph R. McCarthy"

No one familiar with the history of this country can deny that congressional committees are useful. It is necessary to investigate before legislating, but the line between investigating and persecuting is a very fine one, and the junior Senator from Wisconsin has stepped over it repeatedly.



Edward R. Murrow
(1908–1965)

Iraq - Missing Weapons of Mass Destruction



Colin L. Powell
(1937–2021)

"irrefutable and undeniable"
Evidence

Cheney told the world there was "no doubt" that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Bush invoked visions of a mushroom cloud over America.

The prewar United Nations inspection in Iraq found no weapons of mass destruction.

When a Department of Defense employee tried to warn then-Secretary of State Colin Powell against relying on Curveball's reports in his speech before the United Nations Security Council, he received an email from the deputy chief of the CIA task force: "This war is going to happen regardless of what Curveball said or didn't say."

The Knoxville News-Sentinel, Sep 14, 2014



Richard Bruce "Dick" Cheney
(born January 30, 1941)

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell (1937–2021) gave a speech to the United Nations that was full of fabrications on February 5th, 2003 unbeknownst to Powell. He said there was "irrefutable and undeniable" evidence of Weapons of Mass Destruction to justify invading Iraq. As Secretary of State, Colin Powell gave a speech before the United Nations regarding the rationale for the Iraq War, but he later admitted that the speech contained substantial inaccuracies. He was forced to resign after Bush was reelected in 2004. There was even an email which surfaced from the CIA which said "This war is going to happen regardless of what Curveball said or didn't say." (Iraqi defector code named "Curveball" whom Mr. Powell planned to cite).

Dick Cheney effectively authorized the Iraq Invasion which began on the 20th of March in 2003. Cheney allegedly used the national security excuse to keep Bush sequestered after 9/11 so Cheney could run the government unobstructed. I know Bill Kristol.

In 1976, Bill Kristol worked for Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan's United States Senate campaign. Later, in 1988, Kristol was the campaign manager for black Republican Alan Keyes's unsuccessful campaign. Kristol is a staunch Neocon and he has been on both sides of the aisle. It was 1985 when Kristol became White House Chief of Staff to Secretary of Education William Bennett and later became Chief of Staff to Republican Vice President Dan Quayle (1989–1993). This is when Kristol and Cheney were working together.

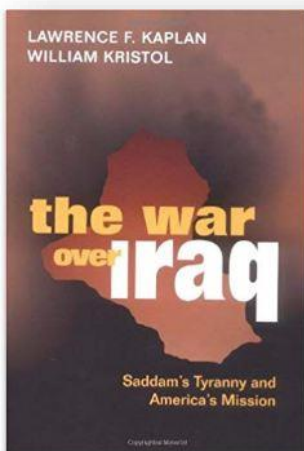


William Kristol
(born December 23, 1952)



I know Bill Kristol. He even spoke at one of our World Economic Conferences in Princeton New Jersey. I admit, I helped him start his magazine the Weekly Standard taking the full back cover of every issue in 1996.

Kristol wrote the ***War Over Iraq: Saddam's Tyranny and America's Mission*** with his co-author Lawrence F. Kaplan, which was published on February 1st, 2003, one month BEFORE the invasion starting the Gulf War. This was written to support Cheney.



Kristol's book states that the rationale behind the preemptive strategy against Saddam Hussein is simply that he is a dictator who threatens both his own people and the world. That is sufficient to justify the United States invading another country before he does any harm. Kristol offered no evidence to support his case and he simply stated that ***"we do know that Saddam is a terrorist."*** Kristol went as far as to criticize both the first Bush administration and the Clinton administration for allowing the Iraq threat to grow.

I believe that under the new Bush Jr. Administration in 2001, at the very first meeting the focus was not on the prospects of a recession into 2002, but on invading Iraq from day one. Hence, the decision was made and the philosophy of taking down all the dictators in the Middle East would convert those countries to democracy and the people would welcome their liberation. Of course, nothing of the sort took place other than political instability and chaos. The removal of Saddam opened the door to ISIS and the entire theory proved to be disastrous.



We have been plagued by Neocons ON BOTH SIDES who are filled with hatred and just want to annihilate their opponent. I can scream all I want. But there is just a psychological profile of such people that always just want war.

The September 11th, 2012 Benghazi attack was a coordinated attack against two United States government facilities in Benghazi, Libya, by members of the Islamic militant group Ansar al-Sharia. The attack resulted in the deaths of both United States Ambassador to Libya J. Christopher Stevens and U.S. Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith.

As with everything, there is the story, and then there is the truth. The region was flooded with weapons that the U.S. supplied to rebels initially in Libya to overthrow the Muammar al-Qaddafi (1942–2011) Government as they did in Iraq and tried to do in Syria and plotted their regime change in Ukraine.



John Christopher Stevens (1960–September 12, 2012) was the American diplomat and lawyer who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Libya from June 2012 until his murder on September 12th, 2012. The entire Benghazi incident is far deeper than most people would ever dream and it had Hillary Clinton's fingerprints all over it. Hillary is also a staunch Neocon.

True, the Obama administration was covering up the incident since there were two CIA agents present at the time. One source had reported that the CIA had



actually been subjecting operatives working in Libya to frequent polygraph tests to make sure they are not leaking information about Benghazi.

Why? What was lurking in the shadows? The real reasons why and the connection to Syria are typically discussed behind-the-curtain – not in the open.

It was alleged that Ambassador Stevens was actually set up by the CIA. Some say in retaliation for another CIA agent who he caused to go to prison where he died. But the deeper allegations have widespread circumstances attached that led directly to Syria.

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RUSSIA TO WEST: We Told You Not To Overthrow Qaddafi!

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As the story goes on the Hill, Stevens was involved in arms dealing. He was selling arms to the Libyan rebels.³² Russia actually warned the USA that it should not overthrow Qaddafi. Of course, the U.S. actions are really directed by the Neocons and that included Hillary. In the Middle East, dictators have kept the religious zealots in check. Removing them opened the door to worldwide terrorism. The removal of Saddam created ISIS.

Both the rebels who the West are fighting in Mali and the rebels in Syria have gotten their weapons from those allegedly sold by Stevens to the Libyan rebels as the NY Times confirmed.

This is far more complicated than what is being reported on the Nightly News and there was a lot more at stake than what people suspect. Even **France** was

³² <https://www.nytimes.com/2013/06/22/world/africa/in-a-turnabout-syria-rebels-get-libyan-weapons.html>

supplying weapons to Libyan rebels illegally like the USA against UN sanctions as reported by the Telegraph on June 29, 2011.³³

This was why Obama could care less what the UN said – it was routinely circumventing the international law and that is what Stevens was really doing in Libya and it played a role in his murder. When we sell or give weapons to such groups they not merely spread to other groups, they also end up being sold into the U.S. domestic market.

This idea that government is honest is just propaganda. A CIA agent was disavowed when it was revealed he had sold weapons to Libya. He told the court he was doing it for the CIA. The CIA said he never worked for them. **Edwin P. Wilson**³⁴ worked under non-official cover for the CIA for years. The CIA claimed he enjoyed a jet-setting lifestyle and profited from selling weapons to Libya, all off tax payer money. He was convicted of shipping arms to



Libya in 1983 and

served 22 years in prison (10 in the hole held incommunicado). He became America's Man in the Iron Mask and had always maintained his innocence. He has commented that "they want me to disappear. I know too much."

Wilson's conviction was overturned and he was finally released from prison in 2004. His daughter relentlessly kept filing **Freedom of Information Act** requests that proved eventually the CIA was lying all the time to cover-up their illegal arms sales.

The New York Times

In Turnabout, Syria Rebels Get Libyan Weapons

Give this article



Crates of recoilless rifle rounds in a rebel cache in Idlib, Syria, bear the triangle symbol of arms sent to Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi. Tyler Hicks/The New York Times

By C. J. Chivers, Eric Schmitt and Mark Mazzetti
June 21, 2013

³³ <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/libya/8606541/France-supplying-weapons-to-Libyan-rebels.html>

³⁴ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2207251/Legendary-CIA-operative-lived-high-life-spy-wrongly-branded-traitor-selling-weapons-Libya-dies-age-84.html>



On August 29th, 2013, the Obama administration surprisingly announced new gun control measures. These deal with the little-known problem of **re-importation of U.S. weapons** we give to rebels to fight various conflicts that go to our streets. The Obama administration³⁵ began curbing the import of military surplus weapons because of the evidence from Bengasi.

With all the yelling and screaming about weapons on the streets, it is not widely understood that many actually

are coming from our own sales or gifts to rebels overseas. We hand out weapons like candy for political reasons and they are arming the domestic drug trade. The story behind-the-curtain was that Stevens played an active role in selling these weapons and that was the real reason for him being targeted.

The weapons that were flowing through Stevens were alleged to be the key to conflicts throughout the region and were flooding the streets in America as well in another secondary black market. This was a key source of weapons for Syrian rebels which was also a Neocon objective to overthrow the Syrian government. Taking out Stevens stopped that traffic in guns.

While France was eager to get into Syria, their "**evidence**" disagreed with that of the Obama Administration. They claimed that there were only 281 killed not 1400. The Syrian opposition is highly fragmented and divided between groups based abroad and inside the country. To overthrow the Syrian government, they viewed would turn the "civil war" into a Holy War. The American Neocons never regarded religion which was also behind Bin Laden.

The small nation of Qatar is the largest exporter of liquid natural gas in the world and Assad (Syria) won't let them build a natural gas pipeline through Syria, so Qatar has spent \$3 billion to support the rebels (Muslim Brotherhood) in Syria. Qatar wants to install a puppet regime in Syria that will allow them to build a pipeline which will enable them to sell billions of dollars of natural gas to Europe, thus financially damaging Russia.

The Daily American, Sep 14, 2013

³⁵ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/administration-announces-new-gun-control-measures-targets-military-surplus-imports>

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Russia had been pointing to the rebels using chemical weapons. To top this, then there are reports that it was Saudi Arabia who supplied chemical weapons to the Syrian Rebels to get the U.S. involved and raise oil prices given the U.S. is less dependent on imported oil.

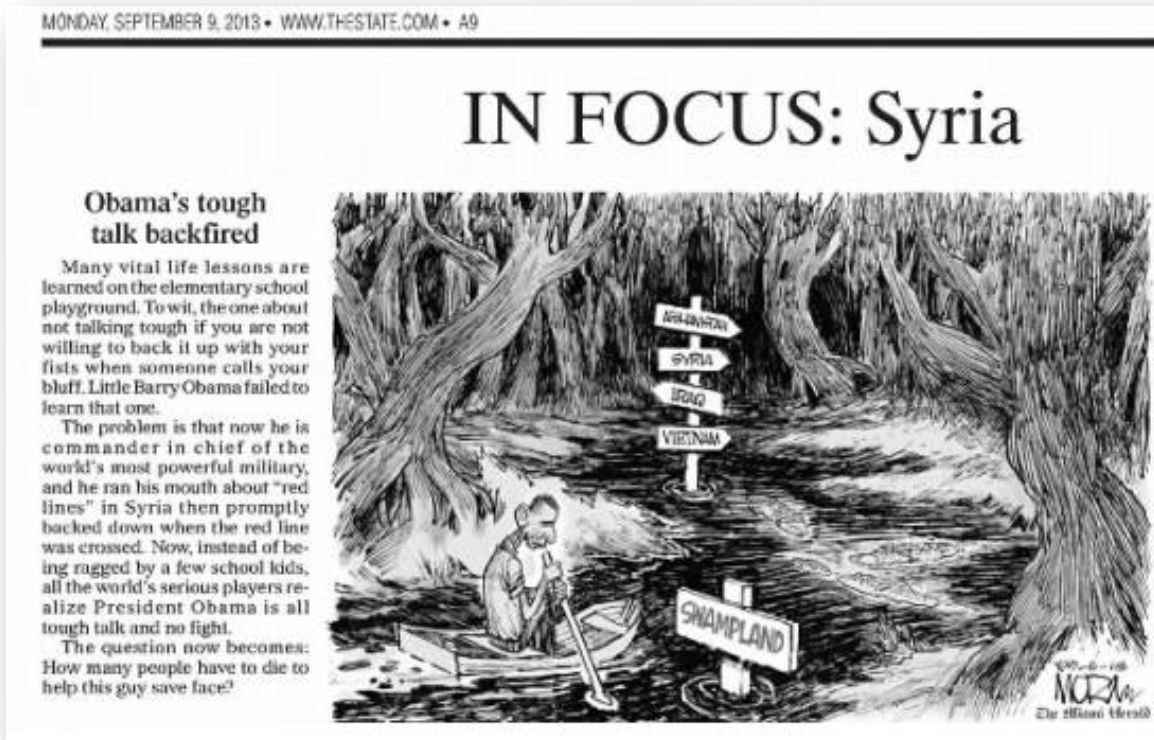
The Saudi Prince Bandar was not only blamed for giving chemical weapons to the Syrian rebels, but he was alleged to be trying bribe Russia to back off and not support Syria. There was too much intrigue going on to justify an attack and, in the end, it has always been about the Neocons and their aggressive nature to have endless wars.

There was far more at stake than taking down the leaders of Libya and Syria.

There was an unspoken objective to also wage economic war against Russia to terminate its grip on energy for Europe. This was part of the reason the Obama Administration was directed by the Neocons to invade Syria. It is also why Putin came to the rescue of Syria in 2015.



The USA Neocon's strategic attempt to reduce Russia's control over energy to Europe that they believed would destroy its economy began in 2009 when Qatar proposed a pipeline plan to Assad in Syria to send its natural gas to Europe via Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Jordan. Assad refused to allow the pipeline through Syria and this began the entire covert pretense for the Obama Administration to invade Syria. The reason for the refusal was to protect the interests of Assad's long-time ally, Russia, which is Europe's biggest natural gas supplier based upon all the data.



It was just one year after Qatar's proposal that Assad began negotiations for another pipeline plan with Iran, which would carry Iranian gas to Europe across Iraq and Syria. Russia endorsed this project since it would clearly have more control over gas flow rather than the U.S. linked Qatar. This agreement would strategically place control of the gas flow to Europe in Russia's hands defeating the U.S. Neocon attempt to destroy the Russian economy.

Consequently, the Iranian pipeline became a priority for Russia. Since Damascus and Moscow began working together to block the Qatar pipeline and create the alternative Iranian pipeline, which created the seeds for World War III. Assad come out and stated publicly, *"The West, especially the US, did not stop the Cold War even after the collapse of the Soviet Union."* He actually hit the nail on the head.

Clearly, Obama had targeted Russia from the outset. There was a meeting between Obama and Putin at the United Nations where Putin tried to get Obama to side with Syria against ISIS. Obama rejected the proposal. So, when Russian forces entered Syria on the projected day on our model, it was an ominous

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event.³⁶ Russia was not only backing the Assad regime, but it was also backing the Iranian pipeline.

Attacking the Russian economy was clearly the objective of the Obama Administration from day one and he himself tried to sell this invasion of Syria which would have been a proxy war against Russia. Congress and the American people were not about to commit to another endless war.

This was also why Obama was lifting sanctions on Iran in an effort to break that alliance they formed with Russia. Obama was attempting to isolate Russia to prevent its control of the main energy market into Europe.



Even if we look at Afghanistan, most people are unaware that the United States began funding the opposition there to fight Russians. The New York Times reported on April 18th, 1988 that the U.S. was "Arming Afghan Guerrillas A Huge Effort Led by U.S."

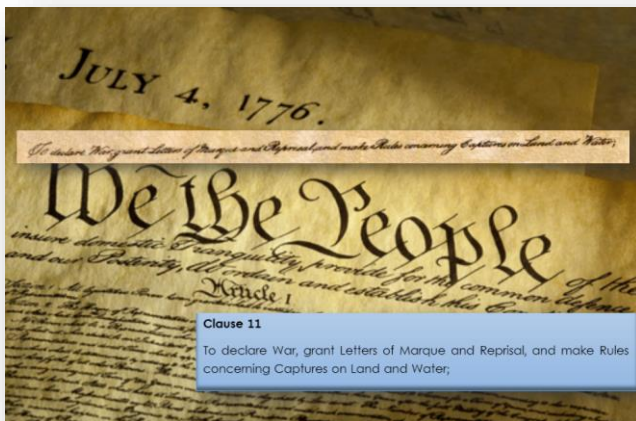
The Neocons believe that the defeated Russia in Afghanistan by a war of attrition. Hillary Clinton even did a press interview with regard to Ukraine and stated that they could defeat Russia the same way the U.S. defeated Russia in Afghanistan she claimed on MSNBC.³⁷

³⁶ ECM turning point to the day (2015.75) (Sept 30th/Oct 1, 2015)

³⁷ MSNBC, March 1, 2022



Ukraine has become just another pawn in the chess game waged by the Neocons to defeat Russia. The U.S. Constitution says that ONLY Congress can declare war. The Neocons constantly act to defeat the U.S. Constitution and create these indirect proxy wars that need no approval from the American people or Congress. The Neocons constantly escalate every avenue to target Russia.



The Constitution's **Article I, Section 8, Clause 11** specifically lists as a power of Congress – the power “**to declare War**,” which unquestionably gives the legislature the power to initiate hostilities. The extent to which this clause limits the President's ability to use any force without Congress's affirmative approval remains highly contested. Nevertheless, the Neocons have

been creating endless wars by manipulation Congress with lies to simply waging proxy wars without ever informing Congress and this the people.

This unconstitutional activity of the Neocons on both sides of the political arena has cost countless American lives not to mention all the civilians kill for their thirst for war.

"I have been
too fond of war"

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King Louis XIV (1643 - 1715)

Perhaps one of the earliest Neocons was King Louis XIV (1643–1715) who on his death bed lamented: "I have been too fond of war." It was the Prince of Savoy (1663–1736) who was a brilliant general that even Napoleon considered him to be the greatest. He served three emperors: Leopold I, Joseph I, and Charles VI. Of these three men, Prince of Savoy considered that the first had been a father, the second a brother, but with the third, he was just the hired help.

The Prince of Savoy was also a student of history. He understood that the early days of Rome were based upon citizen militias. He was a truly brilliant man of many talents. The Prince of Savoy came to see standing armies as evil, for they were easily used because of the expense of keeping them. He came to see that there should be NO armies and that was the only way to reduce the threat of war. The brilliant insight of the Prince of Savoy greatly influenced Montesquieu (1689–1755), who in turn laid the foundation for the right to bear arms, as the Second Amendment to the United States constitution.



Prince Eugene of Savoy
(1663-1736)

The underlying idea was to eliminate standing armies that feed the cycle of war. He believed that the concept of the Second Amendment would be citizen armies as in the early days of the Roman Republic and modern Switzerland rather than standing armies that leaders tend to use to get their money's worth. Had we clung to this wisdom; the Neocons could not be creating endless wars like Louis XIV.

